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STEAM to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, PLYMOUTH, LONDON, BRINDISI, VENICE TRIESTE, AND MARSEILLES.

PROGRAMME OF DEPARTURES.

	Vessel	Tons	H.P.	Captain.	Tuesday.
M.	Malwa	2659	500	A. C. Loggin	22d July
L.	Ravenna	3374	700	E. Stewart	29th ,,
—	Nizam	2736	500	G. W. Atkinson	5th Aug.
L.	Ancona	3038	500	S. P. Cole	12th ,,
M.	Pekin	3900	600	A. Symons	19th ,,
L.	Sutlej	4494	750	A. H. Johnson	26th ,,
—	Lombardy	2726	500	W. R. Thompson	2nd Sept.
L.	Peshawur	3900	600	E. J. Baker	9th ,,
M.	Venetia	2726	500	A. B. Daniell	16th ,,
					FRIDAY.
L.	Ballaarat	4152	750	P. S. Tomlin	26th ,,

The steamers marked L proceed direct to London via Malta. Those marked M proceed direct to London via Marseilles. By the others passengers for London change vessels at Suez. All London steamers call at Plymouth.

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Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	On	1884
TRAMES	4101	750	W. D. Anderson	25th	July.
ROHILLA	3560	700	W. Barratt	8th	Aug.
NEPAUL	3394	600	H. Wyatt	22nd	Aug.
Ancona	3128	600	R. G. Murray	5th	Sept.

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Bombay, June 23, 1884.

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PEARSE AND COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FURTHER CALL of Rupees Twenty-five per Share on the Shares of this Company has been made and will be payable at the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, on or before FRIDAY, the 1st August next.

By order of the Directors,
VAUSE FRETWELL,
Acting Secretary and Manager.

Bombay, July 14, 1884.

THE undersigned is prepared to receive TENDERS for the work of additions and alterations to certain buildings in the European General Hospital.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained on application at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders duly signed, sealed and endorsed to be delivered at the office of the undersigned on or before the 28th instant.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

MUNCHERJI C. MURZBAN, A.M.I. C.E.,
Executive Engineer Presidency.

Bombay, 12th July, 1884.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Gymkhana will be held in the Pavilion, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th July, at 6 p.m.

H. D. OLIVIER, Capt., R.E.,
F. C. MACRAE,
Joint Honorary Secretaries.

BOMBAY TELEPHONE COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

INTEREST WARRANTS for the Dividend from 10th September '83 to 30th June '84 at 8 per cent. per annum will be distributed on application from this date.

BENN ASHLEY & Co,
Secretaries and Agents.

Bombay, 21st July, 1884.

KANGRA VALLEY TEA,
BAWARNA ESTATE.

PEKOE TEA in 1 lb. packets, just received, from the Estate for sale at Re. 1 per lb. Very fine flavour. Apply to Godownkeeper,
WILLIAM WATSON & CO.,
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FOR SALE
THE "OLD NINE ELMS" PORTLAND CEMENT.

THE following is a result of an official test of the above deservedly popular Cement :—

	Tensile strength.	Crushing strength.
Sample A, 540 lbs. per square inch.	1,515 per square inch.	
B, 530 " "	3,028 "	
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It is strong, durable, and quick-setting.

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32, Meadow-street, Fort.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Senior Naval Officer, Bombay, on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on board H. M.'s Dockyard up to noon (local time) on FRIDAY, the 1st August, 1884, for the supply of Coal from the 17th October, 1884, to the 16th October, 1885, inclusive, at this Port, for the use of H. M.'s Ships.

2. All information required as to Bank Deposit, and Forms of Tender, &c., will be furnished on personal application to the undersigned, between 9 a. m. and 10 a. m., daily (local time.)

3. Tender should be superscribed "Tender for Supply of Coal to Her Majesty's Ships."

R. GREY HULTON,
Commander and Senior Naval Officer present.

H. M.'s Dockyard, Bombay, 18th July, 1884.

THE EMPRESS SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Empress Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1, Forbes-Street, on FRIDAY, the 8th August next, at four o'clock, to transact the following business :—

1st. To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts made up to the 31st December, 1883, and 30th June, 1884.

2nd. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.

3rd. To elect Directors for the ensuing year in place of the Directors who retire, but who are eligible for re-election.

4th. To elect an Auditor for the ensuing year, and to fix his remuneration.

And Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books will be closed from the 26th instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

Bombay, 15th July, 1884.

THE LEOPOLD SPINNING, BLEACHING, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1, Forbes-street, on FRIDAY, August 8th, 1884, at half-past four o'clock, to transact the following business :—

1st. To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts made up to the 31st December, 1883, and 30th June, 1884.

2nd. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.

3rd. To elect Directors in place of those retiring, but who are eligible for re-election.

4th. To elect an Auditor for the ensuing year, and to fix his remuneration.

And Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books will be closed from the 29th instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
Secretaries, Managers, and Agents.

Bombay, 15th July, 1884.

FOR SALE
AT
JAFFER SULLIMAN'S BAZAAR :

JUST ARRIVED per s.s. Kangra, one very elegant and neat bran new canoe-shaped LANDAU expressly built to our order by Watson, of London, very light and suitable for one or pair of horses.

One second-hand BAROUCHE with patent Brake in good order, suitable for a pair of horses, by Rogers, of London.

One circular-fronted second-hand BROUGHAM in very good order.

Also, a single second-hand BROUGHAM, very light and in good order.

TWO fashionable ERDODY CARTS hung upon patent axles and long side springs, with silver lamps complete ; one painted blue, fine lined orange, and the other black and vermillion both trimmed in blue, built by Windover of Longacre, and arrived per s.s. Ethiopia.

A pair of well-bred, fast-trotting and young Australian mares, thoroughly broken to harness, and suitable for a mail-phaeton, or a light barouche. Height about 15 hands ; price Rs. 1,200.

Carriages and pairs can be let on hire during the Monsoon by months, on reasonable terms.

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No. 2. 1ft. 10in. high by 1ft. 5in. wide by 1ft. 4in. deep ... Rs. 161-4.
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EACH fitted with Tray, Portfolio, Instrument-Pad, Note Paper, Envelopes, Patent Inkstand, Wax, &c., and with space for Letters and Papers beneath the Tray, with Patent Detector Lock and two Keys.

Outside Measure		
No. 1—15 by 10 by 5 inches	.....	Rs. 41 4
"	with extra Tray	45 12
	Leather Travelling Cover for above.	12 0
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"	with extra Tray	49 8
	Leather Travelling Cover for above.	13 8

CHUBB'S CASH-BOXES.

No. 1 6 by 4 by 2½ inches	.....	Rs. 13 8
" 2 7½ by 4½ by 3	"	15 0
" 3 9 by 5¼ by 3½	"	17 4
" 4 10 by 6 by 4	"	19 8
" 5 11 by 6½ by 4½	"	21 0
" 6 12 by 7 by 5	"	22 8
" 7 14 by 8 by 5	"	24 12

CHUBB'S PAPER BOXES.

Outside Measure.		With Pen-tray and Inkstand.
1—14 by 8 by 5 inches	..... Rs. 22 8	27 0
" 2—15 by 9½ by 6	" ..... " 24 12	29 4
" 3—17 by 11 by 7	" ..... " 27 0	31 8
" 4—18 by 12½ by 8	" ..... " 30 0	34 8

CHUBB'S DEED BOXES.

No. 1—13 by 9 by 8 inches	..... Rs.	20 4
" 3—16 by 12 by 11	" ..... "	30 0
" 4—18 by 13 by 13	" ..... "	34 8
" 5—20 by 15 by 15	" ..... "	40 8
" 6—23 by 17 by 16	" ..... "	

CHUBB'S FLAT DEED BOXES.

No. 1—12 by 8 by 4 inches	..... Rs.	18 12
" 2—14 by 10 by 5 inches	..... "	21 0
" 3—16 by 12 by 6	" ..... "	24 12

CHUBB'S PATENT PADLOCKS.

Inches.	Rs. a.	Inches.	Rs. a.
3 "	7 12	3½ "	10 10
3½ "	6 14	3½ "	11 14
4 "	6 14	3½ "	13 2
4½ "	8 2	3½ "	16 4
5 "	9 0	4 "	18 12
5½ "	9 10	Queen's Padlock	4 10
5½ "	10 4		

CHUBB'S PATENT CUPBOARD LOCKS.

Inches.	Rs. a.	Inches.	Rs. a.
2	6 4	4 by 2	7 8
2½	6 8	4 by 2½	8 2
3	6 14	4 by 3	9 6
3½	6 14	4½ by 3	10 0

CHUBB'S PATENT DRAWER LOCKS.

Inches.	Rs. a.	Inches.	Rs. a.
1½	6 4	3	6 14
2	6 4	3	7 4
2½	6 8	3½ by 3 inches	8 12
2½	6 14	4 by 3 "	9 6

CHUBB'S PATENT BOX OR CHEST LOCKS.

1½, 11 or 2 inches	.....	Rs. 6 14 each.
2½ or 2½	"	7 4
3	"	7 12
3½	"	8 2
4	"	9 0
4½	"	9 10

CHUBB'S PATENT PEDESTAL LOCKS.

2½ inches	.....	Rs. 7 4
3 "		7 12
3½ "		8 2

COOPER, MADON & Co., Limited,
BOMBAY AND POONA.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S.S. "KIRBY HALL" ARRIVED 20TH JULY, 1884.

CONSIGNEES are requested to TAKE DELIVERY of their CARGO from the Prince's Dock. Cleared or broken packages must be surveyed before removal, otherwise no claim will be admitted.

Lots exceeding 30 cwt. will be delivered into consignees' boats, and if not alongside in time, will be landed or placed in boats at steamer's option at their risk and expense.

EDWARD BATES & CO.

Bombay, 20th July, 1884.

WANTED, by the West of India Portuguese Guaranteed Railway Company a PHOTOGRAPHER, who can take and develop plates. Salary Rs. 60 to Rs. 80 per month. Quarters and Apparatus found. Apply to

MACKINNON, MACKENZI & CO.,
Bombay.

Bombay, 21st July 1884.

TENTS.

GOLD MEDAL, FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE, CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1883.
Silver Medal—Melbourne International Exhibition 1880.

THE ELGIN MILLS COMPANY
are now registering orders for their
SUPERIOR CAMP EQUIPAGE
for the
ENSUING CAMPING SEASON.

TO ensure prompt delivery and prevent disappointment, early indents are solicited.

For Price Lists, Testimonials, and all other particulars, apply to
THE AGENT,
ELGIN MILLS COMPANY,
CAWNPORE.

NOTICE.

PURSUANT to Act XXVIII. of 1866 of the Legislature Council of India entitled "The Trustee's and Mortgagee's Power's Act, 1866." Notice is hereby given that all persons being creditors of, or otherwise having any claims upon or against the estate of His late ROYAL HIGHNESS HISAMUS SULTANAH SULTAN MURAD MIRZA, late of Tehran in Persia, Mahomedan, and Governor of Hermanshahan and Kurdistan, who died in the Empire of Persia aforesaid or elsewhere out of British India, on the 12th day of March, 1883, and LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION (with a copy of his Will annexed) of whose property and credits, having effect throughout the Presidency of Bombay, were granted on the 16th day of July, 1884, by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to the HON. SOLOMON DAVID SASSOON, a partner in the firm of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., of Bombay, merchants, and the constituted attorney of ABUN NASAR MIRZA HISAMUS SULTANAH, the son, heir, and one of the legatees named in the Will of the said deceased, limited as therein mentioned, are required to send to the said Hon. Solomon David Sassoon, as such Administrator, at the office of his said firm in Forbes-street, within the Fort of Bombay, in writing, their names and addresses, and the particulars of their claims upon, or against, the estate of the said deceased, so as to reach the said office on or before the 25th day of September, 1884, as after that date the said Hon. Solomon David Sassoon, as such Administrator, will pay, or remit, the assets of the said deceased unto his hands to the said Abun Nasar Mirza Hisamus Sultanah as the person thereto entitled, or will otherwise proceed to administer the said assets, having regard only to the claims of which the said Administrator shall then have notice as aforesaid ; and no claims sent in subsequently will be recognised.—Dated this 19th day of July, 1884.

HORE, CONROY AND BROWN,
Administrator's Solicitors.

SPECIAL SHORT ADVERTISEMENTS.

The scale for these Advertisements is as follows :—No. exceeding 3 lines Re. 1 each succeeding line, As. 8. No trade advertisements are admitted under this scale.

CHUBB AND SON'S SAFES, Writing, Cash, Paper, and Key Boxes, Locks and Locks. Sole Agent in Bombay, Edaljee Pestonjee, 47, Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort.

WANTED a COMPETENT and INFLUENTIAL INDENT CLERK. Address "Merchant," care of this paper.

THE MAGIC MOUSE-TRAP, a marvel of cheapness and utility. Never fails. Re. 1.—Steward & Co., 2, Church-gate-street, Fort.

TEAS, China and Indian, Coffee Brans and Ground, Sugar Crystallised and Loaf, Cocoa, Chocolate in great variety, and other Dietetics at Byculla Co-operative Stores.

WIRE DISH COVERS of sizes Rs. 1-4, to Rs. 2-4 each. A parcel just unpacked.—BARTON & Co., Limited, Church-gate-street.

JUST RECEIVED a fresh supply of Angolas, and Scotch and other Tweeds, guaranteed all wool and made up to perfect fit.—Y. A. Lacks & Co., Hummum-st.

OTTO of ROSE, Otto of Rose, direct from Constantinople. A small consignment just received. Prices moderate. Pestonjee Sorabjee & Co., No. 33, Meadow-st.

MR. HAJEE MAHOMED HOOSAIN has from the 1st June, 1884, opened a Coach Factory at Pawn-road, No. 60, where carriages of all descriptions are repaired and new ones built to order. A trial is respectfully solicited.

WANTED, a good NATIVE SPINNING MASTER. Address "17," *Bombay Gazette*.

TEMPLE BAR.—TOM SAYERS, Bombay, BREAKFASTS, TIFFINS, DINNERS.

WANTED, a CLERK with a knowledge of Accounts. Must be a good writer. Salary Rs. 50 per month. Address "15," *Bombay Gazette*.

NEW TWEEDS, NEW ANGOLAS, cheap suits. Samples post free.—JOHN MAHOMED & Co., 16, Meadow-street, Bombay.

WANTED, a CLERK for the Army Transport Department on Rs. 65 per mensem. Apply to Colonel Griffith, A.C.G. for Transport, Poona.

POLO, POLO.—Another excellent stock of Malacca Canes at reduced prices.—Pestonjee Sorabjee and Co., No. 33, Meadow-street.

FOR SALE, first-rate district Tonga in perfect order. With harness, and capital young ponies over 13 hands.—Apply to Rev. R. A. Squires, Girgaum.

MONSOON.—Coleman's Family Hotel, Apollo House, Fort, overlooking Harbour. Some Rooms on top floor, with or without board, at specially low rates.

FOR SALE, three double fine Boilers, 22' by 6' by Galloway, each containing 17 Galloway tubes, complete with all fittings. Apply to P. M. Marzban, Colaba.

FINEST DRY CHAMPAGNE.—This excellent wine, our own shipping and brand, we now offer at Rs. 54 per case.—Cutler, Palmer and Co., Bombay.

REAL TURKISH CIGARETTES of superior quality and exquisite flavour. Fresh arrival ex s.s. Nizam in boxes of 500. Price Rs. 12½.—M. Mondolfo & Co.

ROEDERER'S carte blanche Champagne, the brand used at the Byculla and Bombay Clubs, is obtainable at the godowns of Phipson & Co., 18, Forbes-street.

WANTED, a man well qualified to take charge of a small Spinning and Weaving Mill. A thoroughly competent Weaver perferred. Address "84," *Bombay Gazette*.

IMPROVED Ivorine Billiard Balls, equal to real Ivory ones in elasticity, sound, weights, etc. Sole appointed Agents for India, JOHN ROBERTS & Co., Bombay.

MACLEAN'S GUIDE to BOMBAY and BOMBAY DIRECTORY for 1884. Price, Rs. 5 ; with postage, Rs. 5-4. To be had at the *Bombay Gazette* Office.

£6,277,986-3-0 STG. is the amount of the Invested Funds of the Standard Office. New Assurances last financial year £1,300,000.

"LIGHTNING" CIGAR CUTTERS, useful and ornamental, adjusted for 3 sizes of Cigars. No Mess, Club, Bar or Smoking-room should be without one. Rs. 6 each.

J. NEUBERG, Bombay.

NEW Ties and Scarfs now on view. Present fashions, just to hand—Argoey Braces, rich Silk Handkerchiefs, shirt Jewellery, Silk and Thread Evening Socks, &c., &c.—BADHAM, PILE & Co., Ld.

WANTED, BOOK-KEEPER for Kurrachee, must be thoroughly conversant with mercantile accounts, quick and accurate with figures. Apply by letter, with copies of testimonials only, to RALLI BROTHERS.

FOR SALE, A COLLECTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS, comprising Sea Customs Act Customs Tariff Act, Indian Arms Act, The Opium Act The Bombay Salt Act, The Salt Act, The Stamp Act, The Indian Port Act, The Native Passenger Ships Act, The Abkari Act, Periodical Survey of Steam Vessels Act, The Steam Vessel Survey Amendment Act, and the Bombay Port Trust Act. Price, Rs. 5, interleaved, Rs. 6.—Apply to the *Bombay Gazette* Office.

FRESH OILMANSTORES, Tea and Coffee, Sugar, Split Peas, &c., at lowest terms for cash. —PEARSE and Co., 22 and 23, Apollo-street, Bombay.

SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAYS.

NOTICE.

OPENING OF EAST DECCAN LINE FOR GOODS TRAFFIC.

NOTICE is hereby given that the line of Railway from HOTGI to GADAG, a distance of 173½ miles, will be OPENED, for Goods Traffic on the 1st August, 1884.

The Stations on this line are :—

Hotgi,	Bijapur,	Bagalkot,
Tadvai,	Jumnal,	Kaigeri,
Lachyan,	Mulwad,	Hadami,
Indi Road,	Tehgi,	Alur,
Nimbal,	Alimatti,	Mallapur,
Minchnal,	Karimatti, and Gadag.	Hombal,

For rates and other particulars, apply to the TRAFFIC MANAGER, Gadag.

G. M. STEWART,
Agent.

Poona, July 15, 1884.

GORGE LIVERS

BILLIOUS conditions, constipation, piles, dyspepsia headache, cured by "Wells' May Apple Pills" As. 4, p.l. and As. 10, boxes at druggists. B. S. Madon & Co., Bombay General Agent for India.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON AND COMPANY.

SALE OF A CUTTER (BOAT) "COMET."

ON THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 21st July, 1884, at 3 p.m., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the (Custom-house) Town-bunder, by order of G. A. Turner, Esquire, Official Assignee H. C., and in the Damoder Hunsraj, an Insolvent—

The Cutter Boat called "Comet" with her appurtenances, upon ballast, sails, &c., in the state now lying at Town-bunder.

SALE of Iron Rails, Crossings, &c., &c., and Tiles and Cadjan Sheds, &c., &c.

Under instructions from the Executive Engineer, Presidency, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 28th July, 1884, at 2 p. m., at the Moathwell Choky, Storeyard of the Executive Engineer, Presidency, the following :—

A quantity of iron rails of sizes, crossings, point boxes, iron wheels, with axles, &c., &c., and tiled and cadjan sheds, &c., &c.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.

Bombay, 21st July, 1884.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 3, APOLLO-STREET.

Under instructions from the receiver appointed in suits Nos. 98 and 150 of 1881 being suits in relation to the administration of the estate of the late Eduljee Hustomji Soonavala, deceased, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 4th proxime, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their rooms—All that the debt or outstanding sum of Rs. 3,300 due and owing to the said estate from Pestonji Dinshaw, formerly solicitor of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, upon a bond or writing in the Gujrati language in favour of the said deceased, and made and executed by him and dated the 4th May, 1880, payable by yearly instalments of Rs. 300 on the 1st day of May in each year. The said bond or writing is for Rs. 5,000, and the amount due thereon has now been reduced to Rs. 3,300 by payments made on account. The instalment of Rs. 300 due on the 1st May last is outstanding.

Also all that the estate and interest of the late Edulji Rustomji Soonavala in the share and interest of Edulji Hormusji Buttivala in right of his wife Jeevanbai of and in the moveable and immoveable estate and effects of the late Hormusji Cowasji Mistry, deceased. The said Edulji Rustomji Soonavala had in his life time filed a suit being suit No. 139 of 1874 against the said Edulji Hormusji buttivala and his said wife Jeevanbai for recovery of this claim and by an order of reference made in the said suit by the said court on the 30th March, 1875, it was referred to W. E. Hart, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, as Special Commissioner, to take the account of the Estate of the said Hormusji Cowasjee Mistry, deceased, but which said reference has not since been proceeded with.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, Solicitors, or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY IN BAZAAR-GATE STREET, FORT.

On WEDNESDAY next, the 30th inst., at 4 p.m., Messrs. BENNATT & Co. will sell by Public Auction on the premises on account of whom it may concern, the following valuable landed property :—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, tenements or dwelling-houses, standing thereon, situate, lying, and being in the west side of the Bazaar-gate-street, in the sub-district of Fort and Colaba, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 133 square yards or thereabouts, which said land and premises are assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue for Colaba and Fort, and by the Collector of Municipal Taxes under No. 60, and are bounded as follows :—that is to say, on or towards the north by the property of Walla Ebhoy, Mahomed Hoosain and others, which the said south by the property of Mowjee Soonderjee, on or towards the east by the Bazaar-gate-street, and on or towards the west partly by the sweeper's passage, and partly by the drain common to the premises herein described and the house of Messrs Vussonjee, and which said land and premises were formerly in the occupation of Madhowjee Visram, or his tenants, and are now in the occupation of the vendors or their tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, Solicitors for the vendors or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

Bombay, 21st July, 1884.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
7, MARINE-STREET, BOMBAY,

To Saddlers and Harness-makers, Boot and Shoe-makers, Belt, and Pocket-book Makers, &c.

To be sold by Public Auction at the rooms of Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 p.m.

One very large and powerful, and one medium sized sewing machines, to work by hand or foot, made by the well-known Messrs. W. E. Thomas and Co., London. The machines are nearly new and in good condition, and may be inspected at the auction rooms up to the day of sale.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 21st instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms—

10 bales grey shirtings,
9 " " sheets.
5 cases prints.
2 " T. red turbans.
4 English-made new single and double perambulators.
10 casks rosin oil.
5 drums "infusorine," a substitute for liquid sulphuric acid in the manufacture of aerated waters.

A quantity of household furniture consisting of drawing-room, dining, pier, dressing, and wash-hand tables, conversation and rocking couches, drawing-room, easy, arm and without-arm chairs, sideboard, teapoys, bedstead, clothes presses, wardrobes, chest of drawers, &c.

On account and at the risk of Gordhun Purshotum and Gocuidas Fuluubdas—

J in a diamond 283-89—2 cases lace stripes ex "Crown of Arragon."

G V above, J in ; and G P below a diamond 314-16—3 cases lace stripe ex "Persia," and 356-58—3 cases lace stripes ex "Rouania."

The effects of the late Surgeon J. O. B. Curtin, A.M.D., consisting of the folding easy chair, camp table, wearing apparel, table and bed linen, plated in case, Benares dishes and cups, bridles, spurs and girths, spoons and forks, knives and forks, crueta, medical books and instruments, lawn-tennis bats, tin trunks, wooden boxes, army regulation books, &c.

SALE OF BUNDER ABAS COTTON.

On WEDNESDAY, next the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction at Carnac Bunder, by order and in the godown of Khoja Emam Hassum and on account and at the risk of Thucker Meghjee Poonja and Co—

113 Jotas Bunder Abas cotton.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

THE BROACH COTTON COMPANY, Limited,
(in Liquidation.)
To CAPITALISTS.

Sale of Ginning Factory at Broach and of Press and Ginning Factory at Pallej.

Under instructions from Messrs. G. W. READ and B. F. CAMA, the liquidators of the above Company, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of July inst. at 3 o'clock p.m., put up for sale by auction at their rooms in Bombay the undermentioned properties, which belong to the above Company.

A pucka-built ginning factory at Broach with office accommodation, store-rooms, weighing shed, and a substantial manager's bungalow, together with the land attached to the factory, containing an area of about one and a half acres more or less, part of which is freehold and part leasehold, held for a term, of which 44 years are unexpired.

The factory contains 90 Platt Macarthy's double-action gins, two horizontal high-pressure steam engines of 30 nominal horse-power, by Benjamin Hick and Son, two boilers, shafting for driving the gins, seed cotton openers, mechanics' shop with tools and two excellent lathes, also two half presses, fire-engine, cart weighing machine, and a well-found store-room as per inventory to be found with the auctioneers.

This factory was worked by Messrs. Ralli Brothers last year and inspected and reported on by Mr. Alcock, of Bombay, whose report can be seen at the office of the liquidators, 6, Apollo-street, Bombay.

Also at Pallej

To be sold either separately or jointly with the ginning factory, one strong combined steam lever full press by George Forrester and Co., Liverpool. It is worked by a large steam cylinder supplied by a vertical multitubular boiler (about 40 horse-power). The press-house is built on iron columns walled and roofed in with corrugated iron sheets. This was also inspected and reported on by Mr. Alcock, of Bombay, whose report can be seen at the office of the liquidators.

Further particulars and conditions of sale can be seen at the office of the Cliquidators or solicitors. Messrs. Little, Smith, Frere, and Nicholson, in Meadow-street, or at the liquidators' office.

SALE OF GREY PIECE-GOODS at the Godowns of Messrs. W. and A. Graham & Co., in Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort.

On THURSDAY next, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the godowns of Messrs. W. & A. Graham & Co., in Parsee Bazaar Street, Fort—

A quantity of grey piecegoods of various descriptions in lots to suit purchasers.

On SATURDAY, the 26th instant, sale commencing at 3 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 309, Girgaum Back Road, opposite the Girgaum Police Court, the valuable and handsome french-polished blackwood and teakwood carved and plain household furniture, rich 6 to 12 lights chandeliers by Nash, 1 to 3 lights hanging argand lamps, wall shades, hanging and table kerosine oil lamps, handsome flower vases, hanging case lamps, rich Brussels and velvet half carpets, handsome pier glasses in gilt frames, handsome pictures, carriages and horses, &c., &c.

Full particulars will appear hereafter, and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

On WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms by order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Abdul Kureem and Co.

Ex s. s. Bretton Hall.

A K Bombay—1-2—2 cases black superfine cloths.

Ex s. s. Clan Sinclair.

T Bombay—1—1 case billiard cloth.

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A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

SALE OF GRAIN Sweepings, Old Wood and Iron at the Prince's Dock.

On FRIDAY, the 1st August, at 2 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Prince's Dock, by order of the Superintendent—

A quantity of grain sweepings, old wood and iron, &c.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT POONA.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction on the premises at Poona, on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of August next, at 4 p.m., the undermentioned valuable property belonging to the estate of the late Mr. A. M. CAMPBELL.

All those two bungalows with outhouses registered under 889 A and 889 B situate in Synagogue-street in the Cantonment of Poona.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 21st July, 1884.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

On THURSDAY, the 24th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their usual weekly auction sale at their rooms of a quantity of grey and colored piece-goods, twist, &c.

1 case collars, half squares and muslin scarfs for ladies.
3 cases grey dhoties.
5 bales grey piece-goods.
3 " grey yarn.
8 cases colored prints.

AUCTION SALE OF MACHINERY IN THE HINDOSTAN MILL.

On WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. MENESSE & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Hindostan Mill near the Mahaluxmee Station of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, the following machinery—

12 self-acting mules of 900 spindles each 1¼" gauge by J. Hetherington and Sons (now working).
6 do 1100 do 1¼ do do
1 Crighton opener by J. Hetherington and Sons (now working).
1 horizontal high-pressure condensing engine, class M, 25 nominal horse-power, by Messrs. Tangye Brothers, of Birmingham (in working order).
3 boilers of double flues by Messrs. Daniel Adamson, 28 by 7 feet diameter, with about 70 lbs. working pressure.
1 sizing cylinder of 40" diameter and 58" width
1 do do of 60" do 69½" do
The mules will be delivered to the purchasers at the interval of about 15 days from the time convenient to the company and completed on or before 31st March, 1885. The machinery can be viewed on application at the mill.

MENESSE & CO.

Bombay, 12st July, 1884.

NOTICES.

FINE ARTS.

THE Seventeenth ANNUAL PICTURE EXHIBITION, of the Simla Fine Arts Society, will be opened at Simla on SATURDAY, the 27th of September, 1884.

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KHANGAUM COTTON PRESSING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Khangaum Cotton Pressing Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the Company, 24, Apollo-road, on FRIDAY, the 25th day of July, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business :—

I. To receive the Directors' Report and the audited Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1884.

II. To declare a Dividend.

III. To elect Directors in place of Messrs. D. H. Glade and E. Spinner who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

IV. To appoint an Auditor and fix his remuneration.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 18th to 25th of July, both days inclusive, during which period the Books of the Company will be open for the inspection of Shareholders.

By order of the Directors,
BREUL & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

Bombay, 18th July, 1884.

THE KHANGAUM COTTON PRESSING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Khangaum Cotton Pressing Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 24, Apollo-road, Bombay, on the 25th day of July, 1884, at 3-30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Articles of Association be altered in the following manner :—

The following article shall be inserted after Article 9, namely :—" The Company may from time to time reduce its capital."

By order of the Board,
BREUL & Co.,
Secretaries and Managers.

No. 24, Apollo-road, Bombay.

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Do.	8 do.	600 do. "	1,200
Do.	20 do.	500 do. "	2,000

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THOMAS LANG,
Secretary.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE, 38, Elphinstone Circle, (above Messrs. Grindlay, Groom & Co.), Bombay, 20th June, 1884.

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Rs. 57,500 to the [illegible] of the vendor of the machinery immediately on receiving notice that money was required by the makers; Rs. 1,15,000 upon the delivery of the whole machinery in Bombay harbour, by paying 90 per cent. of the invoice value of each separate shipment on receipt of bills of lading; and the remaining Rs. 57,500, on the mill being put to work, by a promissory note payable six months after date. The plaintiff was a partner and jointly interested with Mr. Latimer in the agreement. The defendant subsequently paid Rs. 5,000 as earnest money, and at a later date Rs. 57,177. In April, 1883, the plaintiff took upon himself the fulfilment of the contract between Mr. Latimer and the defendant as to the manner in which the last balance of Rs. 57,500 should be paid. The promissory notes the subject of the suit were passed by the defendant in pursuance of an arrangement to which, the defendant said, he was constrained by unfair pressure to consent. He did not receive the machinery till about six months after the due date, and had in consequence sustained a loss of about Rs. 24,000. Articles to the value of about Rs. 12,000 were not delivered by the plaintiff. Defendant further claimed from plaintiff Rs. 7,500 in respect of a promissory note passed by him on the 23rd May, 1883. Defendant, therefore, claimed a set-off against the plaintiff of the sums of Rs. 24,000, Rs. 12,000, and Rs. 7,500, with interest thereon.

His lordship, in disposing of the suit, remarked that the defendant relied on a strict grammatical interpretation of the agreement as to payment of the last balance due by him. The view urged by the plaintiff was ultimately accepted by the defendant. His lordship held that there was no such coercion as would justify the defendant in voiding this contract, and thought that the clause in the agreement was not consistent with itself, and that the plaintiff's construction was the right one. Even if it was not, his lordship held that Mr. Latimer *bond fide* believed in his contention and was entitled to insist on it. This disposed of the first issue. As to the second issue, the defendant contended that the plaintiff had not supplied the machinery as agreed upon, and that he suffered losses from the delay. His lordship did not think that this defence was admissible; and this issue was also found in favour of the plaintiff. Justice could be done in respect of the notes the subject of this suit without admitting the counter-claim set up in this case. There ought properly to be a cross-suit for the demands made by the defendant. His lordship gave a decree for plaintiff for Rs. 12,040-4-7, with interest till judgment and costs; decree to be stayed for one month from date to give defendant an opportunity to file a suit, if so advised, for the matters sought to be set off in the present suit, provided the defendant, within three days, gave security, to the satisfaction of the Prothonotary, for the amount of the decree.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—JULY 19.

(Before Mr. WARDEN, 2nd Judge.)

GOMA NOWLA *vs.* HENRY HARWOOD AND JOHN CULLEN.

THIS was an action to recover a sum of Rs. 262-3-4, the balance, with interest, of two promissory notes passed on the 12th November last.

Mr. Eduljee appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Tuljeram for the second defendant, who is a non-effective officer in the Ordnance Department. The first defendant appeared in person. He admitted the claim, but said he had been pensioned since the service of the summons, and that under section 64 of the Army Act he could not be sued. Mr. Tuljeram raised the same defence for his client. The section provided that soldiers of the Regular Forces could not be sued in a civil court for a sum less than £30.

The pleader for the plaintiff contended that the defendants were not soldiers of the Regular Force, and if they were, a proviso of the section allowed them to be sued, but did not allow an attachment to be issued against their pay.

His honour held that the defendants are soldiers, and dismissed the suit against both of them, as the cause of action was less than £30.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE KHOJA BILL.

THE *Satya Mitra* has a word of advice for the Khojas. It says:—If the Khojas do not particularly require a special Act for their community, we should advise them not to make fools of themselves, or take their Parsee brethren, by burdening themselves with an obnoxious Act.

THE EXODUS TO THE HILLS.

THOUGH we have in no uncertain voice expressed our opinion as to the abuse of the practice of various Governments to conduct their respective administrations from some hill sanatarium, hundreds of miles away from their proper seats, we must guard ourselves against being misunderstood. We are no advocates of an out and out stoppage of the practice. Change to the hills is now a condition of existence. Only it should be moderately and intensively indulged in. But we do think that a united voice should be raised to check the growing abuse of the annual exodus to the hills. This is notably the case in Poona. As we said before, the migrations of the Bombay Government are unfelt—they being so handy and convenient. Neither Poona nor Mahableshwar is so far distant from Bombay as Simla or Ootacamund is from Calcutta or Madras—they can be reached from Poona or Mahableshwar in no time, or as the crow flies. Not so Calcutta and Madras. If, then, there is the strongest cause for remonstrance anywhere it is at Madras. As for the viceregal exodus we are of conviction that it should not be confined to Simla. Our views are that viceregal functions are best fulfilled by giving the Imperial administration a peripatetic character. It may be located one year at Poona or Naslk, another year at Madras or Bangalore, a third year at Calcutta or Allahabad, and so on. Wherever it may be located for the time being it can always manage to run up the nearest hill sanatarium by way of relief and change from the plains when the exigencies of a tropical climate demand it.—*Indian Spectator.*

OFFICIAL HEAD OF THE COMING EXHIBITION.

WE are glad to learn from our contemporary of the local *Gazette* that the Government of Bombay has asked our Municipal Commissioner to undertake the organization and management of the coming Exhibition. No better selection, we think, could have been made, and we congratulate Sir James Fergusson for the discretion he has shown in making the selection. While we approve of the nomination we fear the removal of Mr. Ollivant will interfere and even lessen the efficiency with which the several local works are being pushed on. But this difficulty as the *Gazette* proposes can be overcome by giving an assistant to Mr. Ollivant to relieve him of the superintendence of the less important works all thus giving him time to attend to his new functions. We think Mr. Barrow with his municipal experience of years would do very well for such an assistant or coadjutor, and the Corporation would be all the more glad to avail themselves of his assistance in the absence of his superior.—*Native Opinion.*

BENGAL.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The *Daily News* states that Baboo Jadoo Nath Roy, Row Bahadoor Sub-Engineer, First Grade, Honorary Assistant Engineer of the 2nd Calcutta Divison, who creditably distinguished himself in the construction of the Exhibition buildings and sheds, and the new Treasury buildings, is very ill, and has been obliged to obtain leave of absence for six months.

BABOO GIRIS CHANDRA BOSE.—The *Indian Daily News* gives the following details of this student's success. A special competition in veterinary science and practice has been instituted for the Bengal Scholarship-holders at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Two prizes are offered—the first of £30, and the second of £20. In May last, the first examination was held, at which Giris Chandra Bose was the only candidate. He succeeded in giving such great satisfaction to the Special Examiner—Professor Brown, Consulting Veterinary Surgeon to the Privy Council—that he was recommended for the first prize. Mr. Bose also obtained second place in the final examination for the College diploma, besides gaining the highest honours of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and the Fellowship of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, thus carrying away all the principal agricultural diplomas of Great Britain.

FOOLISH THREATS.—At Calcutta, Frederick Simon Paulson, a European lad about eighteen years of age, has been charged with attempting to commit suicide. The inspector in charge of the case said that defendant had recently arrived from up-[illegible]out, with his aunt, Mrs. Hamer. [illegible]nent, and was a source of annoy-[illegible]ways pestered her for money, [illegible]ink. Last evening he came [illegible]ce of liquor, bringing with [illegible]n, which, he said, he would [illegible]naged to take the bottle [illegible]d with his aunt, Mrs. Hamer. [illegible]no alternative but to [illegible]cumstances. He (the [illegible] and shortly after the [illegible]was taken in charge. [illegible] that owing to some [illegible]th he had intended [illegible]bottle. Mrs. Hamer [illegible]upported the above [illegible]know why I have [illegible]uicide? (laughter). [illegible]rged with attempt-[illegible]spector.) I do not [illegible]fendant. He did [illegible]o the defendant.) [illegible]ou do not act so

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By his calmness and quiet dignity on the Bench he resembled Mr. Justice Innes, and higher praise is scarcely possible to bestow. Perhaps it was a fortunate thing for the retiring Judge, that almost the last important cases in which he took part were those of the "Salem Riots." The calm judicial character of his mind was never more conspicuous then in his decisions therein. Before his departure, and on the last day he ever sat on that Bench to which he had done honour for so many years, the legal practitioners of all branches of the profession, from the Advocate-General to the youngest vakil, assembled to wish him a heart-felt "God speed." The expressions of respect and good will then uttered, must have been particularly acceptable to one who knew that those expressions were not part of a merely formal courtesy; who must have felt that that universal good will and respect had been well-earned; and whose kindly disposition naturally responded to the kindliness of those then before him. The Madras Bar has more than once proved that it looks upon such a demonstration as an honor not to be lightly conferred. Judges more "brilliant" than either Justices Innes or Kindersley have retired from the High Court Bench unnoticed. Whether we approve of the silence of the Bar in all the cases in which it declined to say farewell to the departing Judge, or not, the fact that that Bar is not gushing and demonstrative, but perhaps somewhat severe in its judgment, only adds to the honour it conferred on Mr. Justice Kindersley. Ever courteous, kind-hearted, and hospitable, his departure was a serious loss to Madras Society. That loss is so recent that it is unnecessary to do more than allude to it.—*Mail.*

ABANDONMENT OF THE TAX ON KACHA WELLS.

THE following Government Resolution has been issued from the Secretariat:—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 8th July, 1884.

Letter from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2347, dated 3rd July, 1884—Stating, with reference to the correspondence ordered in Government Resolution No. 2639, dated 27th March last, to be recorded, that great encouragement to the construction of cheap wells would be afforded by the remissions of the inconsiderable amount of revenue now obtained from the levy of assessment on such wells; and making remarks on the subject.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Commissioner, N. D., has done well to press this subject on the attention of Government. The tax on *kacha* wells dug during the term of the original settlement in Gujarat is legally defensible as part of the settlement contract, and may not be an oppressive charge in itself, but it is undoubtedly contrary to the accepted principle that no part of the land revenue should be assessed in such a way as to discourage improvement to be effected by the survey occupant. The revenue derived from the taxation of kacha wells in Gujarat is not very important, and such additional land reveue as may equitably be taken in consideration of command of water will at revision be assessed on a better principle which will avoid all discouragement to occupants' improvements. His Excellency the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to authorize the Commissioner to instruct the Collectors to abandon at once the tax on all existing *kacha* wells, and to impose no extra assessment on the construction of *kacha* wells in future. It is hoped that this order will prove a stimulus to the utilization of the abundant subsoil water of Gujarat in the present season, which seems likely to be one of scanty rainfall.

J. MONTEATH,
Under-Secretary to Government.

PROPOSED INDIAN AND COLONIAL EXHIBITION IN LONDON.

THE following Resolution of the Government of Bombay in regard to the proposal to hold in London a Special Exhibition of the Produce and Manufactures of the Indian Empire and the Colonies in 1886 has been published.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 17th July, 1884.

Letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, dated Marlborough House, 17th June, 1884:—

"I write to inform your Excellency that it is my intention to hold a special Exhibition of the Produce and Manufactures of the Indian Empire and the Colonies in 1886.

"The interest shown by the millions of visitors to the India Museum at South Kensington and to the Collections of Indian Art exhibited by the Science and Art Department in all the larger commercial towns of the United Kingdom, as well as at Paris, Berlin, Stockholm and Copenhagen since 1879, proves the widely extended appreciation of the hand-made manufactures of India which exists on the Continent of Europe and in this country.

"The principal purpose of the Exhibition of 1886 is to demonstrate on the fullest scale to the inhabitants of these Islands the unbounded industrial resources at their command within the limits of Her Majesty's Indian and Colonial Dominions.

"It is essential that India should be adequately and unsparingly represented on the occasion, or the Exhibition will be incomplete and a failure so far as the great practical ends I desire to result from it are concerned.

"I trust, therefore, that your Excellency will take a favourable view of the undertaking which, besides benefiting both India and England, will tend to strengthen the cordial feeling of unity between all classes of Her Majesty's subjects which are the chief strength of the British Empire.

"As regards the administration of the Exhibition, it is my hope that this may be carried out by a Royal Commission rather than by an Executive Committee as in the case of the Fisheries and Health Exhibitions."

Letter from His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, dated 10th July, 1884:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge your Royal Highness' letter of the 17th June, informing me that it is your Royal Highness' intention to hold a special Exhibition of the Produce and Manufactures of the Indian Empire and the Colonies in 1886.

"My colleagues in this Government and I fully appreciate the advantage to the people of the Bombay Presidency which may be derived from your Royal Highness' conception, and we shall fail to make it thoroughly known in all the districts and in the Native States under our Government.

"We shall appoint a suitable Committee to promote and direct the contribution of articles for exhibition and shall give assistance when necessary for their transmission."

RESOLUTION.—Copy of the letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and of the reply thereto of His Excellency the Governor to be forwarded to the Committee for the Bombay International Exhibition, and to the Commissioner in Sind, the Commissioners of Divisions, all Collectors, and all Political Agents, Residents and Superintendents.

3. A Committee, the constitution of which will be hereafter determined, should be appointed to procure promises of contributions of articles of produce and manufacture, and to ensure the worthy representation of India at the Presidency at the proposed Exhibition in London.

3. The Divisional District and Political officer should be directed to bring the project prominently to the notice of the people, and to request the Chiefs and the leading members of the community.

4. The Governor in Council will be prepared to make a grant from Provincial Revenues to bear the cost of the transmission to England of the exhibits and of the return of such articles shown which may remain unsold at the close of the Exhibition.

JOHN NUGENT,
Secretary to Government.

THE PETITION AGAINST THE NEW LIQUOR LICENCE.

THE petition of the wine merchants and hotel proprietors of Poona, against the new form of licence for the sale of foreign wines and fermented liquors runs as follows:—

To His Excellency The Right Hon'ble Sir James Fergusson, Bart., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., Governor of Bombay, Poona.

The humble petition of the undersigned petitioners most respectfully sheweth,—That your memorialists the wine merchants and hotel proprietors of Poona, carrying on business in Poona, most humbly beg to approach Your Excellency in Council to bring to your notice the following grievances, and respectfully to represent the serious hardships inflicted on us, under the new form for the sale of foreign wines and spirits, &c., which is to come into force on the first day of August next, and we earnestly trust that they will meet with all due consideration at Your Excellency's hands.

During the course of the last three years, we have been called upon to pay tax after tax, in some one shape, or form, or other, and such as we can with great difficulty only meet—House Tax, Conservancy Tax, Highway Tax, Imperial License Tax, and Octroi Duty, none of which were levied before even since the establishment of the British Power in Poona. Now we have been called upon by the Abkari Commissioner to pay quite double, and in some cases even six times, the amount of what we have hitherto been paying by way of license of sell foreign wines and spirits, and under such strict and stringent conditions as Your Excellency in Council will, no doubt, find it necessary or advisable to modify, to some appreciable and reasonable extent.

Here in Poona the chief military station of the Bombay Presidency, we have the Club of Western India and the [illegible] of officers of many regiments, European [illegible]ive, stationed here. Your Excellency in Council is fully aware that almost all the leading civilians and military officers are members of the Club, from which they can obtain their supplies in retail, from pint to a bottle, and even to cases for their own use, at their own houses. Our profits, therefore, cannot be so large, as they are confined to a limited number of the residents, and in effect to such only as cannot procure their supplies from the Club. It is impossible, therefore, for us to meet the double, treble, and even higher, assessment at which we have been rated.

Clause I. "Prevents us from selling foreign spirits, not less in strength than 15° U. P." Now, some of us have in our possession a large stock of such spirits, and have, moreover, ordered from home large stocks of the same description. There is no prospect of our being able to dispose at present of these supplies, and hence we must become very heavy losers, no previous timely intimation of the proposed (to us, ruinous) ruling having been given to us. We submit, that, at least six months, or one year's previous notice was, under the circumstances, necessary. If the question be considered from a financial point of view, Your Excellency in Council will observe that the Government must suffer in point of Revenue, in respect to Import Duty, as on all spirits manufacture under or over 15° U. P., the fee hitherto levied was, and still is, Rs. 4 per gallon, while soon the fee, that is to be levied on spirits of Indian manufacture, will be only Rs. 2-10 per gallon. If the Government were to consider the amount recovered on such home spirits, they could not but at once come to the conclusion that, the revenue derived from it is very great, and that, moreover, such spirits are pronounced, even by the Medical faculty, to be far superior to those of Indian Manufacture. This is an important point to be dwelt upon, in the interests of the public health. It is a patent fact that the country-liquor sold here is pronounced "a slow, but sure poison," and, as its consumption will necessarily be increased, sickness and unhealthiness in general will become more prevalent among natives, who will, when they find it necessary to indulge in any liquor at all, have no resource left them but to purchase and consume the inferior country brand.

Clause III. inserts and enjoins on us, that we are not to leave our premises, before obtaining the sanction of the Collector, and after the payment of an additional fee of Rs. 5. This Clause is, indeed, very hard, as the licensee is responsible for the act of his servants during his absence. We would submit respectfully, then, that the permission and additional Rs. 5 fee clauses be cancelled, as it would be impossible for us otherwise to leave our premises on any sudden emergency, such as illness or death among relatives in outstations must create. For, should any delay be caused in our obtaining the necessary sanction of the Collector, Death like Time and Tide, waits for no man, and we should have to close our shops, to the damage and detriment of our pecuniary interests, during such absence of ours, and such measure may easily be followed by more serious consequences, since it may occasion a loss of the good will of our custom, which, considering the limited field as before shewn, would probably never be regained.

Clause VI. again, should be erased, we would suggest, in *toto*, as we neither sell, nor do we keep on our premises, spirits manufactured in India. For these there is no demand among our customers, as the country-liquor contractor has given out shops in the Cantonment for the convenience of natives here, and there, and everywhere, who affect such drinks.

Clause VIII. compels us to keep an account of the quantities daily sold, written daily in a bound book, paged, and sealed with the Collector's seal. Now, in order to comply with the requirements of this clause, we shall be obliged to engage the services of a competent clerk, and pay him, at least, Rs. 25 or Rs. 30 per mensem. This additional tax on our purses, we who sell very little and get but moderate profits, therefore, must find burthensome. The enhanced tax will thus be still more enhanced, considering the immense trouble this clause will entail on wine merchants carrying on general business by keeping an account of every bottle of spirits we sold and constantly taking stock. We cannot see the necessity for farther harassing the unfortunate tradesman, when he has already paid Trade Lincense, Spirit Lincense, and Import Duty on his spirits. We therefore pray, that your Excellency will be pleased to cause this very objectionable clause to be erased.

The last and the most grievous Clause is the IXth, which compels us to possess a Sikes' Hydrometer, together with thermometer and trial glass, all of which are to be placed by us at the disposal of any customer, or any officer of the Revenue, Abkari, or Police Departments, in rank above a havildar, who may be moved by *caprice*, or *ore*, to demand to have our spirits tested. Now, it is useless for some of us to possess a Sikes's Hydrometer complete, and to pay Re. 45 for it. It is the duty, we should say, of the Abkari Department to provide the officers with the necessary instruments. As we sell only foreign spirits, and those, to, obtained of well known manufacturers, no such demand should be made on our resources. More than that, let us suppose that any inspector, or other officer above the rank of havildar, were to come twice a week, or twice a fortnight, or even twice a month only, on such vexatious inspection duty, and were to have us open only one bottle of each description of spirits we have in stock, we should soon have a large supply of such opened bottles on our hands, which would necessarily remain unsold, and thus no little pecuniary loss would be inflicted upon us. Worse still, such extensive dinkers, as will in this case be afforded by access to these inspecting officers, are capable of, if not actually liable to, being seriously abused. These are two such exceedingly important points to be considered, as nothing within the range of possibility, if not probability, that we would earnestly and impressively call Your Excellency's attention to them in the interests and the convenience of the trade. The Government have already at their disposal the strength of the various brands of spirits imported into Bombay, and we would earnestly pray that the capsule and corks being pronounced intact by the inspector should be a sufficient guarantee that the law was not being evaded. There would thus remain no necessity for insisting upon the opening process referred to above. Should the Government, however, desire to have the foreign spirits imported duly opened, it would be better, and in every respect more desirable to have *one* of the cases of such brands as are less known, or not known at all, opened and tested, as a sample of and guarantee for the contents of the whole consignment, and removed from the railway station. This would obviate any and every necessity, we would venture to suggest, for such inspector to concern himself any further in the bestowing of extra time and trouble on inspecting our premises and testing the said liquors there. All instances of adulterated and spurious liquor might thus be speedily detected and summarily punished, according to law.

The last clause we grieve to say, we have already touched upon, but which we would still more earnestly and respectfully urge and impress upon Your Excellency's best and earliest, and, we may then conclusively presume, most favourable consideration. There is, as Your Excellency is already aware, a flourishing institution amongst us known as the "Club of Western India," conducted and carried on by a number of highly-paid officials, who give their services free, and of course their superior intelligence and experience weigh heavily in the balance against the tradesmen who have to pay highly for similar services. On the Club premises, certain quantities of liquors and aerated waters, free from all license duties, are annually consumed, the Club being a direct importer from home. But, what we would most vigorously yet respectfully protest against is the practice that obtains among its members of supplying (on payment) liquors and aerated waters to consumers *outside* the Club premises (a privilege not even extended to hotel proprietors) to numbers of gentlemen in Poona and outstations, and thus interfering, to a painfully appreciable extent with the trade-prospects of your petitioners, the legitimate tradesmen of Poona, who must submit to be burthened with the various licenses above detailed before we can be allowed the permission and the privilege of carrying on the business we are engaged in, wines, spirits, and aerated waters. This grievance becomes all the more serious and intolerable, when it is remembered that the licenses will, from the first day of August next have their license-fees raised to three times the original amount—from Rs. 50, namely, to Rs. 300—and we would, on this point also, draw Your Excellency's attention to the consideration of the undeniable fact, that this increased rate of assessment is both sudden and unprecedentedly enormous, and one that must, therefore, impose on most wine merchants and hotel proprietors too severe a strain to be capable of being borne by them. We would, accordingly, most respectfully submit that the said license fee be allowed to remain at the original figure, or if it must be enhanced, that it may be so enhanced reasonably and considerately.

In conclusion, we have every reason to hope and believe, that, as we have earnestly and conclusively and respectfully represented our case, and now humbly submit it for Your Excellency's early and favorable consideration, so Your Excellency in Council will accord it the careful attention its importance demands, and such as, we are convinced, it must receive at Your Excellency's hands. We cannot, therefore, but flatter ourselves with the sanguine hope, that, in the interests of the public and those of the wine trade in general, a favourable reply will be vouchsafed our humble and reasonable petition, and, as in duty bound, we shall ever pray.

Poona, 8th July, 1884.

The new conditions attached to the license are as follows:—

1. The licensee shall not have in his shop above described, or sell, liquor whether foreign or Indian manufacture, of any kind or of any strength which he is not authorized to sell by this license.

2. The licensee shall not sell, keep, or store wines or spirits or fermented liquors in any place except in his shop above described, nor shall he sell or have in his said shop adulterated or spurious liquor of any kind.

3. The licensee shall reside in his said shop, and shall personally carry on the business thereof. If the licensee shall wish to absent himself from the said shop at any time, or to appoint any other person to officiate for him in carrying on the business of the shop, he shall first obtain the sanction of the Collector in writing endorsed on the back of this license and pay an additional fee of Rs. 5. The licensee shall be responsible for the acts of every person so appointed to officiate for him in carrying on the business of the said shop and of all his servants.

4. The licensee shall not sell any wine, spirit, or fermented liquor after o'clock p.m. or before 6 o'clock a.m., nor shall he sell or give at any time any wine, spirit, or fermented liquor, to, or for the use of, any non-commissioned officer or private of the British or of the Native army.

5. The licensee shall not allow any wine, spirit, or fermented liquor sold in his shop to be drunk therein, or on any premises connected therewith that may be in his occupation or under his control, nor shall he sell any wine, spirit or fermented liquor except in full corked quart or pint bottles, or in full jars or casks of capacity not less than one gallon each.

Nothing contained in this clause shall prevent the sale for consumption in the licensee's shop of wines and spirits in quantities less than a full pint bottle to respectable Europeans and Natives visiting the said shop and requiring slight refreshment, or wishing to taste samples of liquors kept on sale there.

6. Each jar, cask and bottle containing spirit or of Indian manufacture, kept on sale by the licensee or in the licensee's shop, shall be conspicuously labelled or branded with the words "Spirit manufactured in India."

7. The licensee shall affix to the front of his shop a sign-board inscribed with the name of the licensee and the words "licensed to sell foreign wines and fermented liquors, and foreign spirit and spirit of Indian manufacture being in strength not less tan 15° U. P., not to be drunk on the premises.

8. The licensee shall keep in his said shop and furnish to the Collector on demand true accounts of the descriptions, strengths, and quantities of liquor received into and sold at his said shop. The accounts shall be plainly and correctly written up to date daily in a bound book, paged and sealed with the Collector's seal, and shall at all times be open to inspection by the Collector, the Abkari Inspector, or any officer deputed by the Collector or the said Inspector to inspect the same.

9. The licensee shall always keep in his shop an accurate and complete Sikes' hydrometer, complete with thermometer and trial glass, and shall allow any liquor in his shop to be tested with the same, whenever so required by any customer or by any officer of the Revenue, Abkari, or Police departments in rank above a havaldar.

10. The licensee's shop and all liquors therein contained shall at all times be open to inspection by the Collector, the local Police and Abkari Inspectors or by any officer deputed by the Collector or by any such inspector, to inspect the same.

Granted this day of , 188 .

Seal of the Collector.

Collector.

Impressed Stamp Value 8 annas. *Counterpart agreement to be executed by the Licensee*

I,
of
the above-named licensee, hereby agree to all the conditions hereinbefore written.

Signed in our presence
this day
of 188 .

Witnesses :

Licensee.

THE BOMBAY TRAMWAY SYSTEM.

AVAILING themselves of the invitation to the public of Bombay to state their objections to the substitution by the Bombay Tramway Company of a new bye-law for one already in force, several persons have framed a memorial to the Governor which deals also with their objections to the system pursued generally on the line. The proposed bye-law, they declare, is uncalled-for, vexatious, and unjust.

The bye-law proposes: "Transfer tickets are available only by the car starting next after the arrival of passengers at place of change and for passengers taking the cars at such places." The memorialists urge that it frequently happens that not only is the first car starting after the arrival of passengers at the place of change full, but the second car, in some cases even the car after that, are also full; and the result is that passengers have to wait at the place of change for some ten or fifteen minutes before they can find sufficient accommodation. This involves not only loss of valuable time, but also considerable personal inconvenience, inasmuch as at most places of change the company have neglected to provide sheds where passengers may protect themselves from the sun or rain. In exposed places, like the Boree-bunder junction, this inconvenience is most keenly felt; and yet it has never occurred to the company, while demanding the substitution, to endeavour to minimise the inconvenience as much as possible. They maintain that while the company do not guarantee accommodation in the first car starting after arrival at the place of change, they have no right to prevent passengers from waiting on, if so disposed, and taking any car between the place of change and their destination. For so long as a passenger can produce his ticket, and thus prove that he has paid the right fare to a certain point, there can be no harm to the company in allowing him to complete his journey whether there is room in the first car starting after arrival at the place of change or in any succeeding car taken at any intermediate place. As regards the further provision that "Transfer tickets must be detached by the conductor of the car into which the passengers are transferred. If otherwise detached they will not be received," the memorialists continue that this is also unnecessary and unjust. They urge that the tickets issued to passengers are of the flimsiest character, and very often get torn during the journey, especially as they have to be kept in hand and produced for the inspection of every inspector who demands to see them. In this way and in the unseemly scramble for room which takes place, especially in transfer cars, they suggest it is possible that a transfer ticket may become detached; but the main fact of its becoming detached gives the company no right to refuse to receive it, for the passenger producing the detached transfer, has paid his fare and fully earned the right to proceed without the trouble of having to pay another fare. The petitioners observe that it cannot be other than a matter of perfect indifference to passengers whether they detach their transfers and hand them to the conductor or whether the conductor detach them himself, and if requested to do so, passengers, as a rule, will let the transfers be detached by the conductor; but it is clearly wrong to give the Bombay Tramway Company the right to refuse to receive a detached transfer and to demand another fare for a circumstance which may have been the result of pure accident. There is no fear of a transfer ticket being used a second time, as both the transfer ticket and the ticket to which it belongs are marked with the same number, and a passenger handing a detached transfer is always liable to be asked to produce the ticket from which the transfer has been detached, to ascertain if both bear the same number. This makes it all but impossible for any one besides the rightful owner to use the detached transfer. The former system under which transfer tickets were issued, worked to the satisfaction of both passengers and the company, and the memorialists hope that the inconvenience arising from the new system may soon lead to its being given up, or even a system re-introduced. With respect to the want of sheds for passengers at waiting junctions, it is submitted that the erection of temporary sheds as shelters from the sun or rain at all the tramway stations should be assisted upon as a necessary measure. Another point to which they solicit attention is the crowding in tram cars. Five passengers are compelled to sit on a bench which is only long enough for four ordinary-sized men! In the rainy season this inconvenience is still further aggravated by the circumstance of the curtain on one side of the open cars having to be drawn close, thus causing in a full car a degree of suffocation. Usually six passengers on the closed side, of which, they remark, only those who have travelled in such cars can have an adequate idea. Against this overcrowding they also offer the objection of risk from contagion, disease, and not to say anything of the danger of being wet in a full tram car from close contact with a person who has just got in during a heavy shower, they submit that the Bombay Tramway Company should be required to use such cars only during the monsoon, and to allow not more than four persons on each bench in the open cars. In conclusion, it is asserted in the memorial that the fares require to be modified, so as to bring the tram cars within the use of a much larger proportion of the population than now resort to them. The fares for long journeys, they admit, are low enough, but those for small distances do not appear to them to be fixed on anything like an equitable scale. The following reductions are suggested:—Sassoon Dock to Pydownee, from 2 annas (present fare) to 1½ annas; Sassoon Dock to Crawford Market, from 2 annas to 1 anna; Pydownee to Khetwady or J. J. Hospital, from 1 anna to 6 pies; Boree-bunder to Pydownee or Money School, from 1 anna to 6 pies; and Money School to Pydownee or J. J. Hospital, from 1 anna to 6 pies.

THE POONA FINE ART EXHIBITION.

THE annual Exhibition of the Western India Fine Arts Society is to be opened on the 25th August under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee of Management is composed as follows:—The Hon. J. B. Peile, C. S. I. (President), Brigr. Genl. Annesley, Mr. Arthur Crawford, Captain Stopford, Colonel Holberton, Brigr. Genl. Hogg, Mr. J. G. Moore, Treasurer, Colonel Rivett-Carnac, Khan Bahadur Padamjee Pestonjee, Colonel Pottinger, Colonel Pullan, Mr. E. Robertson, and Mr. A. Brownlow Ffordе, with Mr. T. Cooke, Jr., D., F.G.S., as Hony. Secretary, and Mr. H. M. Page, as Assistant Secretary.

The Exhibition will consist of paintings in oil and water-colours, drawings, etchings, photographs, works in wood and metal and pottery of every kind, and all branches of industrial art. The following prizes will be awarded:—

H. E. the Governor's Prize, for the best picture in oil or water-colour by an amateur artist.

Mr. Robertson's Prize, Rs. 100, for the best *bona fide* landscape in oil, Indian subject (exclusive of architecture or figures).

The Hon. Mr. Peile's Prize Rs. 100, for the best landscape in water-colour, Indian subject.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief's Prizes, one for the best drawing by a private soldier of Artillery, Cavalry or Infantry, serving with the British Army, Bombay; another for ditto serving with the Native Army, Bombay.

General Hogg's Prize, for the best drawing by a non-commissioned officer of the Bombay Army.

Khan Banadur Padamjee Pestonjee's Prizes, one for the best drawing in oil of water colour by a native of India, professional or amateur; another for second best ditto.

The Society's Prizes.

1.	For the best figure painting in oil .....Rs.	50
2.	Do do. water-colour ... „	50
3.	Do. drawing in black and white, or sepia ..... „	30
4.	For the best series of four landscape sketches in oil, *bona fide* from nature. „	50
5.	For the best series of four landscape sketches in water-colour, *bona fide* from nature, size not less than 8 inches by 12 inches ... . „	50
6.	For the best painting from still life (fruit, flowers, game, etc.) ..... „	40
7.	For the best copy in oil, water-colours, or chalk, from a painting, engraving or photograph ..... „	30
8.	For the best photograph, landscape or figure ..... „	30
9.	For the best specimen of Indian carving on wood ..... „	40
10.	For the best specimen of Indian carving of Indian wood work..... „	40
11.	For the best specimen of Indian carving of Indian metal work ..... „	40
12.	For the best specimen of Indian carving of Indian gold or silver work ..... „	40

THE MISCHIEF OF THE TONGKING CAPITULATION.

HAVING explained how the Tongking treaty came to be a possibility, and, in the absence of any justification, the only way out of the imbroglio, "One Who Knows" in the *Pall Mall Gazette* goes on to show how the work has been done. France, taking advantage of a vague clause and an ambiguous word in a treaty, had created claims in Indo-China which led to the Tongking question. This was well known to the Chinese, and especially to Li. We would therefore confidently expect to find him coming to negotiate with a mind abnormally suspicious of all but the most precise and definite language; any clause, or phrase, or word capable of being twisted by the most acute sophist into a vague or shadowy future claim, would, one might have predicted, have been rigorously excluded by the statesman who was dealing with an alarming complication caused by lack of exactness and precision in a treaty. In the treaty of 1874 between France and Annam occurs a clause in which the former country engages *sur la demande du Roi d'Annam* to assist and protect him against external attack of internal revolution. The interference, it will be observed, was only "on the demand" of the King of Annam. A conditional promise of help was given, and the condition was the Annamite request for it. So the matter remained from 1874 until the August of last year. No demand for French assistance was made, nor was the clause in any way acted upon. But in August, 1883, the French forces appeared off Hue, the capital of Annam, and the French Envoy demanded from the mandarins a treaty recognising a French protectorate over the country; for, the French argued, "we have now protected you for nine years. We are bound to give you help against external foes and internal dissensions. We cannot have all the cares of a protectorate without some of its sweets, and our admiral with his vessels and guns is at the mouth of the river." Thus the French protectorate of Annam was brought about; and with Annam, as a matter of course, followed its subject-State Tonkin and the valley of the Red River, with all the rich possibilities of trade into South-Western China. Thus from the small beginning of an innocent promise to assist Annam when she thinks she wants it came the great lever in the Tonkin question, and the French protectorate over the whole east coast of the Indo-Chinese peninsula. France got the right by this clause—or claimed she had the right—to interfere in Annam; she got her little finger into the Annamite pie, and now she has the whole dish. How a small lever of this kind can move such a great mass; how such a vast pyramid of claim may rest on a trifling foundation of right, may well astonish plain people in Europe unacquainted with the doings of Western diplomacy among other races. If this should sound preposterous to any one, let him read the lives of our Indian administrators, and let him study the administration of the Earl of Lytton and the discussion which preceded and followed the Treaty of Gundamak.

With all these, we may be assured, Li Hung Chang was well acquainted, and yet he admits into his new treaty with France a clause in which the latter engages "to respect and to protect" the southern frontiers of China. "To protect" We have seen what a vista of grand potentialities these words open out to the ambitious Western pro-Consul in the East. There they are, however, in a treaty intended to bring to an end a series of difficulties caused by the same little words in a contract made ten years ago. It has been well said that the phase "to protect" in this treaty is both stupid and insulting. Stupid, because the southern frontier of China is in no danger from any one but the French themselves, unless, indeed, from a Power which has been defeated in France, and, so to speak, passed over her body into China, in which case France could hardly "protect" China when she could not protect herself. Insulting, because it is an insult to any great nation to offer to protect her frontier. Li probably wanted to have order kept among the frontier marauders, and thoughtlessly permitted this unhappy and ominous phrase to be employed.

But a still more unguarded and dangerous clause, if that be possible, was admitted to the treaty in this shape:—China agrees to conclude a treaty regulating the trade between herself and Annam, and, in lieu of an indemnity to France, she promises to give liberal concessions to that trade. Put to that time China never recognized the French claim to an indemnity; she repudiated it with scorn. She claimed to be protecting her own against unprovoked and unjustifiable attack. In demanding that these circumstances would be like forcing the traveller to pay for the tailoring of the coat of the highwayman whom he has resisted. Nor, we may be certain, did Li ever dream of paying an indemnity; or by admitting the phrase into the treaty he has granted the principle; he has acknowledged the right of France to receive an indemnity, or a *quid pro quo*, and the *quid pro quo* is commercial advantages. The weapon which he has thus incautiously placed in the hands of his adversaries will undoubtedly be used with effect when he comes to arrange his commercial treaty. If what he offers is not regarded as satisfactory, we shall see the screw of the indemnity put on. His notion of what an indemnity should be and that of France will probably differ widely, as will of course their notions of an adequate equivalent. What defence he has to make for the insertion of these clauses may never be known. He is believed to have accepted at once what was offered, and, with a common Chinese to tendency not look beyond the first step, never to consider the consequences from present acts, to have put his name to the capitulation without particularly examining the details. It may be asked: If

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 19.

CONSOLS in London yesterday were ⅛ lower at 100⅜, but Indian loans, both sterling and rupee, were unchanged. French Rentes in Paris had advanced ⅛ to 107⅞, probably owing to the Chinese question showing signs of coming to a settlement. Private telegrams from China received here to-day in fact say that it is currently reported a settlement has actually been arrived at, on the basis of a much reduced indemnity, and should this be confirmed, one of the adverse influences in connection with business generally, but more especially in regard to our local mill industry, will have been removed.

In the London General Produce markets, Linseed is dull and partially 3d. per quarter lower. Poppy Seed is quoted 9d. higher to arrive by Canal and 6d. per quarter *viâ* Cape. Rapeseed and Wheat are given as unchanged.

Cotton on the whole indicates a very quiet tone. In Liverpool yesterday the market was reported steady; sales 10,000 bales, including 1,200 Surats; spot prices unchanged, Americans to arrive 1-32d. lower. To-day the report is quiet, Surats in favour of buyers, the sales being only 5,000 bales, including 600 Surats, but prices still unaltered. In New York there was no change whatever yesterday, but to-day futures show a recovery of 3 points again at 10·48 cents for November.

We subjoin our usual weekly comparison of the statistical position of the staple, the movements in which during the week have resulted in a decline of 100,000 bales in the visible supply for all Europe, and a decrease of 26,000 bales in the Liverpool stock, which now stand 217,000 and 130,000 bales respectively below the same time last year. Six weeks ago it was generally anticipated the deficiency by this time would have been much wider, but spinners have been unexpectedly cautious in their buying, whilst in addition to free supplies from this side the financial difficulties in the States have caused shipments thence for Europe to go forward on a much more liberal scale than the limited stocks in the country would have led any one to expect. During the past week the shipments from America to Liverpool have again been heavy comparitively speaking, and so long as this is the case there will be an indisposition to believe in a small American crop, and proportionately little inducement to consumers to buy for more than immediate requirements.

The total visible supply of cotton for all Europe on the 18th inst. affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1884.	1883.	1882.
Total supply of all kinds	1,090,000	2,207,860	1,802,920
" " Surats	647,000	555,010	766,950

For the U. K. only the figures are:—

Stock in Liverpool	861,000	991,380	809,510
" London	55,000	46,180	66,620
American afloat		88,000	19,000
East Indian "		181,000	184,000
	1,216,560	1,079,130	
Price of Mid-Uplands	6½d.	5 7-16d.	6 15-16d.
" Good Fair Dholleras ...	4¾d.	4 1-16d.	5d.
Difference	1¾d.	1⅜d.	1 15-16d.

The American crop figures to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons:—

	1884.	1883.	1882.
Week's receipts	4,000	9,000	8,100
" Exports to U. K.	23,000	20,000	6,000
" " Continent	4,000	2,000	17,000
Total receipts since 1st Sept..	4,700,000	5,906,000	4,630,000
" Exports to U. K. "	2,332,000	2,778,000	2,220,100
" " Cont. "	1,405,000	1,501,000	1,227,000
" Stock in the Ports	256,000	347,000	222,000
Saturday's Receipts	Nil.	1,000	800

Here we have again had a blank day in Cotton so far as export business is concerned, and prices are nominally unchanged.

OF WHEAT and SEEDS the same may be said, the rain having stopped active business.

FREIGHTS are extremely quiet. For Liverpool the demand is slow even at 20s., and there is nothing at all doing in the shape of forward chartering.

EXCHANGE continues dull and tending lower. There is not, however, sufficient paper in the market to thoroughly test rates which are accordingly to some extent nominal. We quote:—

Bank Bills on demand	1s. 7 17-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 7¾d.	"
Do. Three months' sight	1s. 7 21-32d.	"
Credits do. do.	1s. 7 25-32d.	"
Francs do. do.	Fcs. 2·08⅛ to ¼	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER keeps dull and unaltered at Rs. 100 5-16 for Fours and Rs. 102¾ to ⅞ for Fours-and-a-half.

SHARES show no improvement. Spinning Mills in most cases are unaltered, but we notice a decline of Re. 1 in Anglo-Indian whilst Dhurrumsey's have recovered to Rs. 462½ and Hydrabad to Rs. 1,255. Fort Press shares have advanced to Rs. 3,150 and Prince of Wales to Rs. 710. Banks show no change.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LISTS.

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amt.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash Rates
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
INDIAN BANKS.					
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	5p. ct.	7383
Bank of Bengal	42,000	500	all	1 do.	850
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	5 do.	630
[EXCHANGE BANKS.		£			
Agra Bank	10,000	100	all	6 do.	118
National Bank of India	37,320	— 250	12½	5 do.	90

LAND COMPANIES.

New Colaba Co.	4,000	700	2,225	Rs. 5	770
Port Canning Co. ...	8,000	1,000	1,400	Rs. 13	350

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	..	£20	213-3·0	5 p.ct.	350
Do. New £20 shares..	..	£20	130 14-6	do.	585
Ditto	..	£20	65-7-3	do.	
Ditto	..	£20	71-13-1	do.	
B. B. & C. I. Ry Co...	..	£100	1,000	do.	617
Do. New Shares...	41	£18	6-5-0	do.	50

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THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal, for the week ending 15th July, as compared with that for the 24th June:—

LIABILITIES.	June 24. Rs.	A.	P.	July 15. Rs.	A.	P.
Capital paid-up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	40,09,436	4	4	41,59,436	4	4
Treasury Balance	2,40,20,377	11	7	2,46,82,055	14	1
Other Deposits	1,20,16,926	6	10	2,04,30,247	4	8
Bank Post Bills, &c.....	5,04,680	13	2	5,37,506	13	6
Sundries	19,97,154	6	3	13,28,016	11	6
Rs...	6,95,48,575	10	2	7,11,37,263	0	1

ASSETS.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government Securities ..	77,05,064	0	0	77,55,112	0	0
Other authorized Invtmts	37,97,080	0	0	42,16,440	0	0
Loans on Govt. Securities.	1,77,86,637	7	5	94,11,576	4	4
Credits on do. ..	61,12,416	4	3	61,72,681	8	10
Bills Discounted	1,76,80,252	5	8	1,72,45,301	11	10
Balances with other Banks	9,03,397	5	6	5,40,393	0	1
Bullion	2,563	5	0	2,180	0	0
Dead Stock	11,92,897	1	1	11,77,690	6	10
Stamps	10,360	11	0	9,504	1	0
Sundries	5,05,480	15	11	8,17,799	8	8
Cash at Head Office.....	84,13,363	2	6	88,91,826	6	0
Do. at Branches	1,34,25,304	15	10	1,48,87,038	0	6
Rs...	6,95,48,575	10	2	7,11,37,263	0	1

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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

HOSKING—July 17, at Dhulia, Khandesh, the wife of Edward Hosking, of a daughter.

DEATH.

WADIA—July 20, at Clare-road, Byculla, Hormasjee Bomanjee Wadia, aged 58 years. Funeral at 8 o'clock this morning.

OTHER PRESIDENCY.

MARRIAGE.

BADHAM—CAMPBELL—July 14, at Calcutta, by the Rev. C. Jordan, Edward Cust Badham, to Louisa Mary Alice Campbell.

All MONEY ORDERS, CHEQUES, and other Remittances sent to this office should be made payable to the Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*.

The Bombay Gazette

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1884.

THE danger of a renewed quarrel between France and China seems to be now averted. A private telegram received yesterday in Bombay states that the Chinese Government has agreed to pay an indemnity of five millions of taels—about one million sterling—for the attack on the French troops near Langson. Reuter informs us that Langson, Caobang, and Laokai are to be surrendered to the French within a month. We may therefore conclude that the affair is now satisfactorily arranged, and that there will be no war. Admiral Courbet, with his squadron, was at Foochow three days ago, awaiting the result of the negotiations about the indemnity, which, as we now learn, has proved satisfactory. The anxiety and uncertainty consequent on the sudden re-opening of the Franco-Chinese question had a very depressing effect on Bombay business, and it will be a great relief to millowners and merchants to learn that everything has been arranged, and that there will be no breach of the peace in the Far East.

THE Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the extension of railway communications in India has been issued in London, and to-day we publish a long telegram from our correspondent giving an authentic abstract of its recommendations. The great, and we might indeed say vital, importance of this Parliamentary document, which will shape the course of railway development in this country for years to come, need not be pointed out; every one who has taken any interest in the opening up of India to commercial enterprise, and in the security of its vast populations from famine, will understand fully the magnitude of the interests at stake. As we anticipated some days since, the general tenour of the Report is satisfactory enough. The main proposal of the Government of India, that three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six miles of railway should be constructed during the next six years at an expenditure £27,750,000, has been approved. A distinct advance has been effected in regard to the question of gauge. The Committee has pronounced in favour of laying all trunk lines and all the principal feeders on the broad gauge, the metre gauge being only resorted to where it is already in use and has been successful, and where the traffic is light. To give emphasis to this decision the Report points to the general consensus of opinion amongst experts—Mr. Rendle being of course an exception—that break of gauge should be avoided. If this emphatic declaration had been made before the Strachey influence succeeded in marring the Rajputana line, and reducing its usefulness to a minimum, we should not now have in prospect the conversion of that line to the broad gauge, as the only means of obviating the inconvenience occasioned by the double break of gauge and the inadequacy of the metre gauge to meet the demands upon it. In future important lines will not be spoiled by either of those misfortunes. The Nagpore supplement of the direct Bombay and Calcutta line and the Bhopal-Jhansi-Cawnpore system are now safe from the conjurations of the metre-gaugists. The country is also to be congratulated on the approval by the Committee of the proposal of the Government of India that thirty-four lines, equal to three thousand four hundred and thirty-two miles of railway, costing £24,250,000, should be constructed by means of private enterprise. It is added that in regard to these lines the Government should make a grant of land only. Does this mean that limited guarantees should not be given also in so far as these lines are concerned? This can scarcely be the case, for the guarantee system is discussed and very distinctly approved in another paragraph of the Report.

We have said that in the main the Report of the Committee is satisfactory enough, inasmuch as it accepts and sanctions the general scheme of the Government of India. There are, however, important reservations on the question of methods and means which will certainly give rise to delays and misgiving. In the first place, the Committee has refused to accede to the proposal to capitalise £200,000 a year of the Famine Fund in order to procure £11,000,000 to be expended upon the construction of certain lines by guaranteed companies within the next five years. Dr. Hunter was cross-examined as to the practicability of raising so large an amount of capital by setting aside two hundred thousand a year from the Famine Fund, but he said that the operation was one quite within the scope of practical finance. He explained that the whole of the expenditure would not be effected at once. Interest on the £11,000,000 at 4 per cent. represented £440,000 per annum, but the maximum amount of interest that would fall due in any year was £250,000, while for the first year it would only be £85,000. The net charge for interest for the whole six years would be £1,117,500, or rather less than £200,000 a year. Dr. Hunter argued—and as we think conclusively—that it was quite in accordance with principles hitherto accepted and acted upon to expend portion of the Famine Fund in this way. The object of the Famine Fund is to defray the charges of two insurances against famine. There is first, the financial insurance, which is accomplished by taking one-half of the Famine Fund, or £750,000 a year, and paying off debt with it. The second insurance is what might be called the executive insurance—the making of railways and other public works that will protect the people in time of famine. The second half of the famine fund, or £750,000 a year, is devoted to this purpose. At present the Government divide this sum into two amounts—£250,000 to be expended in irrigation works, and £500,000 on railways. What the Government proposed was to take £200,000 from this latter sum and, instead of expending it in the form of capital on the construction of railways, to use it for the purpose of defraying the interest on the £11,000,000 to be raised and expended by companies in the construction of lines within the next five years. The effect of this operation would be, first, to increase the financial responsibility of the country for a time; secondly, the duration of the responsibility would be limited to the expiry of the period of guarantee; thirdly, the people would have an enormously greater system of railways to relieve them in time of famine than if the £200,000 was spent as capital in the construction of railways; and fourthly, by the development of their trading industry by this larger number of railways they would be better prepared for times of famine, and when a time of famine came they would be in a better position to deal with it. It was objected to this plan that if £200,000 was hypothecated in this way it would not be available in times of actual famine; but Dr. Hunter replied that in any case the £200,000 is hypothecated. If it be expended as capital every year, the lines on which it is expended are laid out on some plan, and they could not cease the expenditure in any year without defeating the whole purpose of the expenditure. This seems to us to be cogent and conclusive. But the Committee refuses to sanction the scheme, and thus places in something more than jeopardy the proposal to procure eleven millions of capital under that head.

The Committee also lays down that there is to be no additional taxation for the development of the railway system, so that there is no possibility of procuring the needed £200,000 from any other source than the Famine Fund. We must take it then that the Committee has at a stroke of the pen removed from the list of possible railway lines those which the Government of India proposed to construct by means of companies with limited guarantees at an expenditure of eleven millions of money. Add to this that the Committee recommends that the decision as to the amount of yearly borrowings shall rest with the Secretary of State and his Council, and not with the Government of India, and we shall understand how much reason there is to moderate our hopes as to the progress likely to result from the acceptance in the main of the proposals put before the Committee on the part of the Government. The yearly loans required are, as far as possible, to be raised in India, the Committee being of opinion that as the rupee loans are not absorbed in this country, but are really transferred to England, they do not differ in their effect on exchange from sterling loans. Why then recommend that the Government should borrow in India in preference to England? According to the Committee's view, it would come to the same thing in either case. However, let us take the Report as it stands. It registers a distinct advance on things as they were. The Government is authorised to construct within the next six years three thousand nine hundred miles—less four miles—of railway out of its own resources, and to procure the construction of three thousand four hundred and thirty miles by private enterprise. The interpolation of the narrow gauge on trunk lines, with the break of gauge nuisance, is banned, and will be henceforth known no more. The system of limited guarantees is sanctioned until the time comes when private capitalists will have sense enough to discard those crutches. There are some drawbacks which we have indicated, but on the whole the Report will be accepted by the public as satisfactory.

THE chief feature of the weather during the past week is no longer a matter of news, the daily reports having already made known the gratifying fact that good and plentiful rain has fallen in most parts of the country. Speaking generally, there has been less rain in the South Konkan than during the previous week, but in all other districts there has been more. The average daily rainfall of the South Konkan stations, Karwar, and Rutnagherry during the past week was respectively 87 cents and 75 cents as compared with 1 inch 55 cents and 1 inch 70 cents of the previous week. In Bombay, where during the previous week the daily average was only 69 cents, it has during the past week been over 2 inches; and at Surat, where previously it was only 14 cents, it has been 1 inch 18 cents. Similarly, taking two interior stations, at Poona during the previous week the average daily fall was only 3 cents, whereas during the past week it has been 37 cents; and at Mallegaum, where, with the exception of 14 cents on the Saturday there was no rain at all in the previous week, there has during the past week been a total of more than 6 inches. Without wearying our readers by quoting more figures, we may state that from Dharwar, Sholapore, Sattara, and other Deccan districts have come fairly good reports; and from Khandesh, Gujerat, Kattywar, and Cutch the reports have been almost everything that could be desired. Sind, during the early part of the week, does not appear to have had the showers which perhaps might have been expected, and which apparently were needed; but the meteorological reports of Saturday announce that "heavy rain" had that day fallen in the Indus valley. In Bombay itself during the past week the rainfall has been considerably above the normal; the total fall having been 14 inches 61 cents (of which 7 inches 40 cents fell between 10 a.m. on the 13th and 10 a.m. on the 14th), whereas the normal rainfall for the week is only 6 inches 15 cents. The excessive fall on the 13th at Bombay and at Mallegaum—where nearly 6 inches of rain fell—was apparently due to the coalescence of a "barometric depression" which had crossed over the peninsula from the Bay of Bengal with a similar depression which was on the point of forming over the Bombay coast. These "barometric depressions," which have only in recent years been properly studied and brought to light, are of considerable practical importance. Strictly speaking they are cyclones, and like cyclones are known to travel across the country on certain definite lines, and to be accompanied by a low barometer, an excessive amount of atmospheric moisture, and the usual veering of the winds; but they differ from what are commonly known as cyclones in being spread over a greater region of country, in being less intense, and in having only light or moderate winds. They may do good, as the one now under consideration has done to those districts which required rain; or they may do damage, as the present one has done to the railway lines in the Central Provinces, where, as also in Lower Bengal, there had already been a rainfall above the average. The result of the past week's weather has been, so far as at present known, satisfactory in all parts of the Presidency; sowing operations have progressed and in many parts been completed; prices have gone down, and prospects everywhere have brightened. In Bombay the rainfall has been brought up nearly to the average: the average reckoning from the 1st June to the 19th July is 36½ inches; the fall this year has been 32 inches. In other parts of the Presidency although the results of a comparison of figures might not look quite so satisfactory, still all cause for present anxiety is removed. The immediate prospects of the weather lead one to look forward to a break before long. The barometer has gone up considerably, and the rain along the south-west coast has been light during the past few days.

WHAT SIMLA IS SAYING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 16.

BESIDES the prevailing fog, two subjects are uppermost in the general conversation of Simla—the Constitution of the Afghan Boundary Commission, and the question, Government from the Hills compared with Government from the Plains. This last subject is not to be disregarded by a correspondent who finds himself in a country with six Governments on the spot and a seventh eight thousand miles away.

As to the relative merits of Hill Government and Plain Government, they appear to me like as two peas. But what is puzzling is this demand which you, my editor, have set up for a capital of India. Surely, if there is one thing not wanted it is a fresh capital. Very certainly no other dynasty than ours has had so many capitals. In India, look round and count half a dozen capitals. There are the three Presidency capitals, and there are the hill-station capitals. Bombay is peculiary well off in the matter, for you can boast of Bombay, Poona, and Mahableshwar. Then, again, Bengal can boast of Calcutta and Darjeeling, Madras of Madras and Ooty, the North-West Provinces of Allahabad and Naini Tal, and the Punjab of Lahore and Simla. Simla, besides, is a capital to them all, not the Punjab alone; and is (quite *par parenthèse*) a particularly capital place for invalids, the Intelligence Branch of our Army, young ladies who win the title of "The Subaltern's Joy," Messrs. Lowrie and Laurie, hotel proprietors, who have absolutely no connection whatsoever with any hotel owner of a similar name, and to persons from every part of India of the highest rank and fashion. I grant that much depends on how you define a capital. But suppose you consider a capital as a locality whence the administration of a given region is carried on: is it not clear that in this sense Simla, Calcutta, Bombay and Poona, Ooty and Madras are all to be described as capitals alike? And for this among many other reasons does it seem strange that every native paper and the *Times'* correspondent, who is grilling in Calcutta, should want the whole business put through in that capital. We have an abundance of capitals of all sorts and sizes and thermometrical readings in divers quarters of the country, thank goodness; and I hope we shall continue to enjoy them all.

Permit the observation that, although it is quite reasonable to speak of the additional expense entailed by the exodus to the hills, since additional expense there doubtless is, it is quite unreasonable to speak of the increased efficiency of the Government in the plains; and Madras will find some difficulty in persuading people that Mr. Grant Duff's Government could either pass more beneficent laws or frame more grammatical Resolutions in a stew-pan than in an ice-house. A friend in the Public Works tells me that for his part the amount of work is just the same in Calcutta as it is here. He says he is desperately hard-worked in both places (and many Government officials have assured me of the same thing). He says, indeed, I can have no idea how hard-worked he is; but that I shall see what I shall see when a memorandum on the coleoptera that is afflicting the crops in Oudh is brought out signed with his name and formally acknowledged by the Imperial Government. Now, my friend acknowledges that his memorandum would have been out just as soon if he had been writing in Calcutta, and I am fain to think that work and efficiency are much of a muchness here and there. My friend attends office in Simla from 10 to 5; if he is playing in the *Parvenu* or *Patience*, of course those are public works of an order to which even the Oudh coleoptera must give place until he has leisure to attend to the little pest. Because if the *Parvenu* or *Patience* were postponed to the coleoptera several industrious amateurs would consider themselves hardly entreated, and feel quite seriously put out.

But let us be just to Calcutta and Madras. Even if it be the case that efficiency suffers in the plains, it ought to be merely a question of dandelion and podophyllin. Eno or Pyretic Saline or a liver pill should set all right, and if your hard-worked Secretary to Government did not fail to lay in in time a stock of the immortal Cockle, it is highly probable there would be no complaints as regards his varying efficiencies. If a lack of efficiency is noticeable in higher quarters, the remedy remains the same. A Viceroy who began the day by proposing to "split an Eno" with his Council might face without anxiety the tale of work cut out for him.

The speculations on the Afghan Boundary Commission are of a most interesting and violent nature. One military member of our circle offers rupees one hundred to rupee one that the English will be diddled (his expression) by the Russians; and all through that infernal old humbug Gladstone, by Gad. The gallant gentleman cannot be induced to plainly say what the diddling process is to consist of, and will by no means listen to any suggestion that the English on the other hand may diddle the Russians. To suppose for an instant that the Afghans may diddle both English and Russian appears in exactly as ridiculous a light to the company as the insinuation that two such highminded Powers as these last are conspiring to do the Afghan. For, as our military man says, why count the Afghan at all? What, it pleases him to ask, has this miserable barbarian to do with such tremendous interests as are at stake between two European Powers, and brought by the force of momentous recent events to the political front? And where is the use of being civilised at all if you cannot do what you like with those who are uncivilised, or at least less civilised than yourself? Accordingly, the military member of our company, after having had Mr. Gladstone strangled as a preliminary, would propose to march into and across Afghanistan with about 10,000 men. He would then advise the Russian Governor to clear out of Sarrakhs, and would not fail to declare he meant to stand no nonsense from the Russian nation. After that he would fix a few large forts in the neighbourhood of a brand-new boundary, and come back to be made a C. I. E.

Au contraire, we have a civilian of our party who not only believes something has yet to be said on behalf of the Ameer of Afghanistan, but who even distantly hints he has, like the character drawn by Walter Scott, "taken a keek" into the contents of the despatches which we all know are passing and repassing between the Foreign Offices of Simla and Kabul. Our civilian begs we will remember that the person and the thing most concerned are the Ameer of Afghanistan and the country of the Ameer; that it is of the highest moment to the Ameer whether he shall have foisted on him the inclusion of territory which may entail serious responsibilities in keeping the peace or whether he may be deprived of territory which is now a source of revenue. Our civilian even holds that the Ameer has been treated in very questionable fashion of course, that is, from the Ameer's point of view; that the Ameer may with justice complain he is regarded as a cipher by England and Russia; that he has no security the coming delimitation is to be final and not liable to be set aside whenever either makes a new move on the Eastern chessboard that is in the least obnoxious to the suspicions, prestige, or prejudices of the other; that no ruler, barbarian or not, can view with anything but the most profound dislike the passage through his dominions of self-elected commissioners and an escort wearing the formidable appearance of an army; that the boundary question has never arisen at all, or if it has arisen, it did not arise between Afghanistan and any other Power, or between England and Russia, but only between Persia and Russia on account of the advance on Sarrakhs beyond the river and within Persian limits; and that in fact the action of England and Russia is not far short of being an act of unwarrantable interference and contrary to the spirit of sound international law. For, as our civilian continues, if international law is sound at all it is as sound in the region where the Persian, Afghan, and Russian confines touch as along the line of the Danube or in the heart of Europe; and he says if the advance of Russia to Sarrakhs is a wrong to any one it is a wrong to Persia, who may avenge her own injury or else formally ask English help. What this thorough-paced follower of Grotious was especially anxious to learn from us was whether we expected by this new device of a Commission and fresh boundary lines to stay the approach of Russia when, as a matter of historical fact, nothing that she or we have ever said or sworn has in the very slightest degree retarded the progress of Russia in the field of Central Asian politics she has made her own.

From small things to great. There is something to be said about the *Parvenu*, now in rehearsal. Will you come behind the scenes with me for a moment? Do not mind that raging lunatic at the wings; he has played in the *Unequal Match*, but has been squeezed out of the *Parvenu*. What do you see on the stage? Five people foaming at the mouth; that is to start with. Do not, however, be frightened; they are very infuriated now with one another, but afterwards they will be jolly and sup with a noble lord. Perhaps you are curious as to what is the matter? Well, it is not really very much; but in moments of articulation you may discover what it is—nothing more than that every one has got the wrong part assigned to him or her, and some not had any parts assigned at all. "I can't do this." "I don't look that." "You are bound to come to utter grief as 'Sir Fulke.'" "*You* a Charles." "*Me* Claude.'" And so forth, until *New Men men and Old Acres* is proposed, and the raving lunatic is sent off to Williams' to see if there are enough copies of the play to go round. The lunatic returns very depressed to say there are not; the scene becomes animated once more; and in fine the *Parvenu*, it is decided, shall go on. Perhaps you remember that last year private hospitality presented the play to Simla *gratis*! Now it is said no one will pay to go and see it. That is a mistake. They will go, everyone of them. But you will observe that nothing of the dramatic sort can be quite happily brought off in Simla without much heart-burning, delirium, accusation, taunt, battle, armistice, and champagne supper with a noble lord.

Two pieces of information of an interest particular to Simla may be post-scripted. It is feared that Mrs. Ilbert, who has not by any means got over the accident to her knee at Darjeeling, may have to return home in October. It is hoped that the younger daughter of the Commander-in-Chief is now out of all danger from her recent severe attack of typhoid.

It is raining and fogging here like mad. I do believe we have got hold of the real monsoon here this time.

LITERARY GOSSIP FROM PARIS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, JUNE 27.

THERE was published on Monday last rather a notable book, *Voyage à travers le Monde*, by Albert Wolff, who is one of the principal writers on the *Figaro* newspaper. Notable I have said; and chiefly on account of its author, for Monsieur Albert Wolff has a strange personality, and his history is remarkable as showing what strength of will, determination of purpose, and a dogged perseverance can do. As his name implies, he is a German—a German of Cologne as a matter of fact. He is, moreover, a Jew. Furthermore, when he first came to Paris, many years ago, he was friendless and, what is much worse (for we all know that "slow rises Worth by poverty depressed"), penniless. He could not at that time speak more than a few words of French. How comes it then that this man, whose nationality and whose creed are in this land so terribly against any chances of even mediocre success, has acquired fame and wealth by following the literary profession in a country with the language of which, a few years ago, he was almost entirely unacquainted? Be it repeated, he had at the outset neither friends nor money, which are however, little talent they may bolster up, very fair passports to literary as well to other success. A young Frenchman comes to London. He has no money, not one respectable coat. He hardly knows enough English to ask his way to Leicester-square. We meet him, haply, and he says unto us: "In less than twenty years I shall have made my name in English literature. Through the columns of the *Times* I shall lead political opinion; in the *Saturday Review* I shall make or mar an author; the *Athenæum* and the *Academy* will struggle for my copy on the fine arts; I shall dictate on fashions in the *Queen*, on sporting matters in the *Field*, on domestic comforts in *Cassell's Household Journal*. In short, I shall be an authority on everything, a rival to George Augustus Sala." What should we say or think, you or I, who with money, or social position, friends, an Oxford or Cambridge education, introductions to editors and personal acquaintances with selling-novel—writers and applauded bards, have four hundred times endeavoured to pass an article on current politics into *Lloyd's Newspaper*, say, or a thrilling romance into the *Family Herald* and, as many times, have had romance or article returned with that heartrending, soul-depressing, maddening hieroglyphic "D. W. T." on your manuscript, or mine, inscribed? We should think him mad and, perhaps, hint that the Thames was by the like of him uninflammable. Yet Albert Wolff—and all honour to him for it—has achieved a harder task than our imaginary young Frenchman laid out for himself. The portals of French journalism are more rigidly guarded even than those of the same profession in England. The papers here are fewer in number and smaller in size, while the competition amongst embryo journalists is for many reasons much keener. One reason is that one signs one's articles here—this flattereth vanity; another, that one good article in one of the good papers here can make a man's name and fame for life. "Who is Jean Prudhomme?" "What, don't you know?" "No." "Why, he wrote that splendid article on The Rise and Fall of the Chignon in France in the *Figaro* seven years ago." So is literary fame made in Paris. Albert Wolff succeeded, because *il savait se faire valoir*. Dumas, the elder I mean, ruled Paris when Wolff first came here. Wolff's first step was to make the *maître's* acquaintance. His persistent calls, despite many refusals of admittance, awaked Alexander Dumas's attention. One fine morning he received the shabby German Jew in his bathroom, and the while he performed his matutinal ablutions Wolff recited selections from the German classics. He managed to interest Dumas in him, and presently was appointed his secretary. In this capacity he was brought into hourly contact with the first *littérateurs* of the day; as representative of Dumas he was much courted; French, and the best, was soon acquired; and to-day Albert Wolff is one of the most important men—certainly, the most important journalist in Paris. His book treats of different journeys which he has undertaken as special correspondent to the *Figaro*. Journey No. I was to London, where he visited those mysterious regions with which Mr. Sims and the editor of the *Daily Telegraph* have made us familiar. Boozing kens, penny gaffs, penny dosses, (these terms, unless the transpontine melodramatist deceives, are the correct ones) were all inspected and are here described. He finds Trafalgar-square "a gigantic monument of English bad taste; the Bank is the English triumphal arch." The "West End," according to him, is somewhere between St. Paul's Cathedral and the City. (I note this for the guidance of tourists and the better information of future Baedekers.) He much approves of our police system and our arrangements for relieving the poor but honest. The poor but dishonest, their amusements, habits, refreshments, and pursuits excited his interest in no small degree. The article is interesting enough and commendably free from that foolish spiteful criticism which has characterized recent books on England. Accounts of journeys to different parts of Europe, and notably one to Moscow, where he witnessed the coronation of the Czar, make up the rest of the volume. The style is good, Parisian to the root, and the book as interesting as a book of travels in these much-travelled days can be made.

No other books, excepting some seventy new novels, have appeared this week. You see, we have got *Sapho* to read, and then there is *Les Blasphèmes*. Ordinary brains such as ours need several weeks to study and mentally digest such prodigies of modern thought as this. Literary activity of another kind, however, has manifested itself in the appearance of several new dailies. There has been some unpleasantness in the office of *La France*, the editor having suddenly changed his political views, and from waging a *guerra al cuchillo* on that dread *ferryman*, having become Opportunist of the Opportunists. This revolted the feelings of many of the writers; some went one way and founded *La France Libre*, others launched on the sea of editorial troubles in *La France Nouvelle*, and the rest, three in number ("while three men hold together, *La France* is less by three") have found their *pannus* and, let us hope, their *panis* in *La Nouvelle Presse*. May all these papers succeed as well as *Le Matin* has done. Started but a few months ago, *Le Matin* and its English edition, the *Morning News*, changed hands last week for a hundred thousand pounds—a cool hundred thousand pounds as Joe Gargery would have said.

You will be sorry to hear that some several cases of cholera have broken out at Toulon, and that deaths from this morbus have occurred in that city. Toulon is much to be pitied, but not perhaps more than we are here, who in this appalling heat have la citoyenne Paule Mincke—you know all about her and her children, Spartacus, Blanqui, Lucifer, Revolution, et cetera—thing reform, social and moral, from their house-tops. Gladly would we barter the whole Mincke family, aye, and all manner of reform, social and political to boot, for the slightest breath of air, came it from north, east, south, or west.

THE RIPON CLUB.

THE Ripon Club, which is founded by the Parsees on the model of similar English institutions, and is the first of its kind, at least on this side of India, was opened for the members on Saturday. The leaders of all classes of the native community have long recognized the want of a place of general resort where they may cement the bonds of common fellowship, so far as this can be done, by means of friendly intercourse and dainty dinners. With this object in view a preliminary meeting was held some two years ago, but "the pots and pans" and such other considerations of caste chiefly hindered the realization of the project. The Parsees then thought of having a club of their own. Some of their prominent men constituted themselves a provisional committee, and announced their intention of starting the club, if they could happily secure a hundred and fifty members in the beginning. But the scheme has so far commended itself to their community that they were eager to acquire the social distinction which connection with a club of this sort might afford, and the result is that the institution opens with over two hundred members. The club is situated in Hornby-row, in the premises lately occupied as the English Hotel, and is fitted up with all the appliances that are calculated to secure the ease and comfort of the members. The furniture, though more simple than luxurious, is exceedingly tasteful and elegant, and harmony seems to be admirably preserved in its arrangement. On the first floor one of the most noticeable objects is a long table running down the centre of the hall, which, like the chest of the village inn described by the poet, is contrived a double debt to pay, a festive board by night, and a reading table by day. It is intended to subscribe to all the principal newspapers of India, and also some of the prominent English journals, should the funds permit. The table is flanked at each end by handsome sideboards, adorned with mirrors and decorated with pieces of china. On the walls are hanging admirable portraits of the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, but the likeness of the exalted personage from whom the club derives its name is, at all events for the present, conspicuous by its absence. In an adjoining room is a billiard table and a telephone for the benefit of members. For the rest, there are sofas and easy-chairs, marble dinner tables where a member may enjoy seclusion in his own coterie of friends, and a supply of cards, draughts, chess, and similar games has been furnished. The second and the third floors, which are also occupied by the club, are fitted up in the same style, though a little less pretentious. The club has all the appearances of a European institution, except that the *chowpat* board, with its dice and pyramidal pieces of wood, occupies an honoured place in the front hall. To a European observer this game appears to be somewhat noisy and barbarous, and the intense and all-absorbing interest taken both by the players and the spectators who gather round the board in numbers appears in ludicrous contrast to the tr

TELEGRAMS.

RAILWAY EXTENSION IN INDIA.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON (*via* TEHERAN), JULY 18, 11-58 P.M.

The Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider the means of internal communication in India, with special regard to the famine question, concluded their labours to-day.

Dealing with the proposals of the Government of India, which contemplate the expenditure during the next six years of £27,750,000 on thirty projects of railway extension and the construction of three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six miles of railway, the Committee consider that the carrying out of this programme would have a beneficial effect upon the country, and they have accordingly sanctioned the Government proposals on the distinct understanding that there is to be no additional taxation.

The Committee decline to sanction the proposal of the Government of India to take £200,000 from the famine fund and, instead of expending it in the form of capital on the construction of railways, to use it for the purpose of defraying the interest on the £11,000,000 to be raised and expended by limited guarantee companies on the construction of lines within the next five years.

The Committee consider that the responsibility as to the amount of the yearly borrowings should continue to rest with the Secretary of State in Council. As the time may come when railways may be made by means of unassisted private enterprise, nothing should be done to prejudice any change of system which the greater confidence of the investing public might justify.

As regards the question of gauge, the Committee consider that all the trunk lines of the principal feeders should be laid on the broad-gauge system, and that the metre gauge should only be used where it has already been successful or where the traffic is light. They point out that there was a great unanimity among the witnesses as to the necessity of avoiding a break of gauge.

With reference to the question of loans, the Committee think they should, as far as possible, be raised in India. They do not believe that loans, which are not really absorbed there differ in the effect on the exchange from trade loans. They therefore adopt the recommendation of the last Committee on the subject.

With regard to the question of guarantees, the Committee consider that the guarantee in the case of the Bengal and North-Western Railway is reasonable where the line will not give an immediate return. The guarantee given in the case of the Bengal Central Railway offers greater inducements than they expect is not so good, while in the case of the Southern Mahratta Railway the guarantee offered is equal to Government interest with the addition of a quarter per cent. of net receipts. The Committee consider that the railway guarantees in question should be absolute, and that the Government option of demanding repayment of the capital by giving one year's notice should not be unconditionally given.

The technical distinction between protective and productive lines cannot be maintained. Lines, whether intended to afford protection against famine or for the development of the resources of the country, should be made as circumstances require.

The Committee also approve of the proposal of the Government of India that thirty-four lines, equal to three thousand four hundred and thirty-two miles of railway, costing £24,250,000, should be constructed by means of private enterprise, they themselves making a grant of land only.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

LONDON, JULY 20.

The report of the Select Committee on India railways appointed by the House of Commons was issued yesterday.

The report approves the spending of twenty-eight millions on new lines and five-and-a-half millions in improving existing lines, upon the condition that no fresh taxation is imposed for this purpose. More than half the money is to be disbursed by the Indian Government, and the remainder by companies under Government guarantee, the money to be raised in the cheapest market. The hypothecation of the famine fund is disapproved of by the Committee. The report recommends the adoption of the broad gauge.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 20.

Mr. Condy Stephens and Colonel Stewart are likely to accompany Sir Peter Lumsden as assistants.

Probably Colonel Ridgeway will go too as representative of the Indian Foreign Office.

It has been suggested that some scientific men should be attached to the party, and this may, perhaps, be arranged.

NATIVE FEMALE EDUCATION.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

POONA, JULY 20.

A large meeting of native ladies was held in the Female Training College under the auspices of the Arya Mahila Samaj, or ladies' association, to urge upon the leaders of the Poona native community the necessity of increasing the existing means for educating native girls, and a resolution was adopted and signed by a hundred ladies for incorporation in a message to a meeting of native gentlemen advertized for yesterday.

This meeting came off yesterday evening at the Town Hall, and was numerously attended. Many Sardars, and gentlemen representing all classes and castes of the native community were present, and several European ladies and gentlemen attended. Mr. Chatfield, Director of Public Instruction, being among them. Sir William Wedderburn presided.

The proceedings opened by the announcement that Lady Ripon had sent Rs. 1,000 towards the object of the meeting. Mr. Ranade read the native ladies' message. Mr. Pandit read a statement on the present condition of female education, advocating the establishment of a high school for native girls and announced the following foundations: His Highness the Chief of Kagal and Regent of Kolhapore, Rs. 10,000; Mr. Desvji Hariprasad Santukram, J. P., Rs. 6,000; Lady Mayi Saheb Daphali of Jat, two annual scholarships of Rs. 240 each; Mr. Gaupatrao Mankar, a scholarship of Rs. 60 annually. The announcements were received with loud applause, and the thanks of the meeting were voted to the liberal donors.

Sardar Bapu Saheb Nimbalkar, Chief of Phalton, spoke sympathising with the objects of the meeting, and announced his intention of founding a scholarship of Rs. 10 monthly.

Resolutions were adopted to establish a high school for girls teaching English, Sanskrit, etc., to matriculation and appointing an influential deputation to the Governor in furtherance of the proposed scheme. Thanks were voted to Sir W. Wedderburn for his munificent donation of Rs. 10,000 towards the proposed school in memory of his late brother Sir David. Letters sympathising with the movement were read from various quarters, including one very encouraging one from Colonel Reeves, the Political Agent at Kolhapore. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting was crowded though it was raining heavily at the time.

THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. BREEKS ATKINSON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JULY 20.

The *Mail* learns from Tinnevelly that eight charges have been formulated against Mr. Breeks Atkinson. These are all for misbehaviour, the allegation being that he borrowed large sums of money from different people in the district. Two of these people swear they lent him money, and that he repaid it, with interest. The defence that probably will be put forward is that he did borrow money—for everybody knows he is in debt—but that he did not borrow it of people of the district. When Mr. Garstin inquired into the charges on the spot, he experienced great difficulty in getting witnesses to come forward, so much so that he was obliged to issue warrants to compel their attendance. The origin of the whole case seems to be this. A subordinate officer complained to an officer of the High Court about Mr. Breeks Atkinson and spoke of the latter taking bribes. The High Court officer spoke of it to an officer of the Revenue Board, and the latter mentioned it to one of the Board, through whom Government heard of it. The Government then called on the High Court officer to send in a written statement of what he had heard from his correspondent at Tinnevelly. This gave rise to inquiry. An Assistant Collector also wrote to Government complaining about Mr. Atkinson. He posted his letter to Government in such time that when it reached Ootacamund he had left Bombay for England. Government telegraphed to Bombay to this gentleman to abandon his intention of going home on leave, but the telegram failed to reach him. The telegram was then sent, on to Aden, but the steamer in which he was did not stop at Aden owing to quarantine being in force there.

The case is to commence to-morrow at the Collector's cutcherry, Tinnevelly, before Colonel Weldon.

THE CASE AGAINST MR. FRANCIS, THE TEA-PLANTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 20.

The case in which Mr. Francis, the tea-planter, is charged with causing grievous hurt to a cooly woman employed on his garden was resumed at Golaghat on Friday, but was not much advanced, having to be again adjourned, because the report of the chemical analyser to the Government at Calcutta, to whom the stomach of the woman had been sent for analysis with a view to detecting whether there was opium or other poison in it, had not been received.

MISSING SEAMEN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JULY 20.

Three of the crew of the Galatia at Tuticorin went out to sea for a sail in one of the ship's boats on the 13th instant, and have not been heard of, though search has been made for them. They were said to be intoxicated and had no oars.

HYDERABAD VISITORS AT MADRAS.

The Nationalist Ahomedan Association gave a reception last night to Nawab Mooneer-ool-Moolk Bahadur, Revenue Minister at Hyderabad. Replying to one of the addresses, he said: "It is, I know, my brother's anxious desire that the reforms in the administration of His Highness the Nizam's Government begun some years ago by my late father should be completed, and he is doing all he can to improve the administration of the country."

THE APPEAL TO PARLIAMENT.

The Exodus memorials to the Houses of Parliament were despatched by to-day's mail with twenty-five thousand signatures to each.

NOVEL ACTION AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JULY 19.

A novel sort of suit was filed yesterday by a young Burmese woman against the European manager of one of the large stores here, the plaintiff alleging a marriage in Upper Burmah to the defendant. She asked for a declaration that, according to Buddhist law, she was his lawful wife, and for Rs. 250 maintenance.

THE CHINESE RIOTS IN RANGOON.

The trial of seven Chinamen for rioting and causing grievous hurt to other Chinese terminated yesterday, the matter having been in course of hearing for four days. The jury found the accused guilty. The three ringleaders were sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment, and the remaining four defendants to three years' rigorous imprisonment each. The case caused considerable interest amongst the rival sects of Chinamen here.

THE RECORDER.

Mr. Agnew, the Recorder, proceeds on two months' leave next week, Mr. McEwen officiating for him.

ACCIDENT AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 19.

The other evening the Hon. H. Cockerell, member of the Bengal Board of Revenue, and Mr. Justice Prinsep were thrown out of a buggy on Chowringhee-road, consequent upon the horse taking fright and running into a tramway car. Mr. Justice Prinsep was thrown on to the horse. He then fell flat on his back on the ground. Beyond receiving a shaking he escaped unhurt. Mr. Cockerell fell on the road on his shoulder, which was severely bruised—some accounts say dislocated.

THE BANGALORE RACES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JULY 19.

The following are the results of to-day's racing:—

WINNING WALERS.

Palmerston walked over.

WINNING ARABS.

Sherwood walked over.

SENSATION HANDICAP FOR WALERS.

Liberator walked over.

CONSOLATION RACE FOR ARABS.

Baltic, 9st. 4lb. (Vinall) 1
Express, 8st. 12lb. (Kendall) 2
Sir James, 8st. 10lbs. (Gerrard)..... 3

There were three starters. Time—2 min. 26½ sec.

FAREWELL HURDLES.

Kobold, 12st. (Mr. Massy Westropp) 1
Liberator, 11st. 10 lbs..... 2
Moslem, 11st. (Mr. Macdougall)..... 3

There were five starters. Time—3 min. 4s ec.

WALER CONSOLATION RACE.

Clublaw, 8st. 9lbs. (Vinall) 1
The Baron, 8st. 12lbs. (Kendall)..... 2
The Laird of Doon, 8st. (Gerrard)..... 3

There were three starters. Time—2 min. 35 sec.

PONY HANDICAP.

Forget-me-not, 8st. 6lb. (Gerrard) 1

There was a dead heat between Grey Knight and Gift for the second place. Time—57 sec. There were five starters. The racing was very poor, as also were the lotteries. The attendance was as usual.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, JULY 19.

In the Victorian Parliament an address in reply to the Governor's opening speech was, after a protracted debate, agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Service moved the adoption of the resolutions of the Sydney Convention dealing with the annexation question, the transportation of French criminals, and the federation question. There is every prospect that the resolutions will be carried unanimously. A despatch has been received from Lord Derby expressing regret that there should have been any delay in adopting the Convention's resolutions by the colonial Parliaments. He suggests as an *ad interim* arrangement that a High Commissioner should be appointed for New Guinea with larger powers of independent action, and that he should be furnished with a steamship, independent of the naval squadron, with a staff sufficient to enable him to exercise protection in the name of the Queen over those shores.

The weather in Victoria has become seasonably cold. In portions of the north-western districts young wheats have been kept very backward by the low temperature and the absence of rain.

In the New South Wales Legislative Assembly the Supply Bill was carried, and a Bill was introduced conferring upon Government power to make mining reserves. The Land Bill is still under discussion.

The application for the release of Cresswell, who is an inmate of the Parramatta Asylum, on the ground that he is Arthur Orton, has been adjourned for three months, till the arrival of his brother Thomas Cresswell.

A new Ministry has been formed in South Australia with Mr. Colton as premier. The Parliament adjourned to allow the Ministry to arrange a programme.

In Queensland Mr. McCurdo, late Government agent, and Davis, captain of a labour schooner, who were arrested and charged with arson at Lachlan Island, have been sent to Fiji for trial.

At a large influential meeting at Cairns a protest was entered against the French Government deporting criminals to New Caledonia.

The Anglican bishop of Brisbane has given formal notice of his intention to resign the see.

The yield of wheat in Tasmania this year is lower than it has been for the last five years. Heavy floods have occurred in various parts of the country. The New Zealand Parliament has been dissolved.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

EXECUTION OF THE TIENTSIN TREATY.

SHANGHAI, JULY 18.

An Imperial order has been issued instructing the Chinese troops to surrender Langson, Laokai, and Caobang to the French within one month.

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Negotiations are still proceeding for the payment of an indemnity with regard to the Langson affair, Admiral Courbet with his fleet meanwhile remaining at Foochow.

THE SUAKIM-BERBER RAILWAY.

LONDON, JULY 19.

General Fremantle is gone to Suakim, where another company of engineers will follow him.

SPREAD OF CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

PARIS, JULY 19.

A few cases of cholera have occurred here, and also at Arles and Nismes.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, JULY 18.

The Bombay mails of the 1st inst. arrived at Brindisi yesterday.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, JULY 18.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Murray arrived here from Bombay this morning.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Goorkha, homeward bound from Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here this morning.

COLOMBO, JULY 19.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Co.'s s.s. Titania, from Hongkong, left Colombo for Bombay this evening.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, JULY 18.

Total week's sales of cotton	65,000	bales.
" " Surats.....	8,000	"
" " Imports of Cotton.....	36,000	"
" " Surats	17,000	"
" Stock of Cotton	301,000	"
" " Surats	200,000	"
" Stock of Cotton in London.....	55,000	"

The Liverpool Cotton market closed steady. Surats steady.

The London Cotton market has been steady.

Good Fair Dhollera..... 4½

The Manchester market has been quiet.

4 per cent. Rupee Paper.....	81½	
4½ " "	88	
5 " Consols for account.....	100⅜	
3½ " Sterling Loan.....	107⅜	
4½ " French Rentes.....	107½	
Bar Silver.....	50⅞	

Arrivals.—Niagara, Canton, Lady Armstrong.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORT.

(JULY 20.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, perfect. *Via* Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, perfect. *Via* Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—*Via* Brest, perfect. *Via* Valentia, perfect *Via* Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

Manilla land line and line to Mandalay still interrupted

THERMOMETER READINGS.

FRIDAY, NIGHT, July 18.

10 p.m.	79·0

SATURDAY, July 19.

6 a.m.	77·8
10 a.m.	77·1
2 p.m.	83·5
4 p.m.	81·3
10 p.m.	80·3

SUNDAY, July 20.

6 a.m.	79·3
10 a.m.	84·1
2 p.m.	83·3
4 p.m.	83·9

ENCOURAGED by the success which attended their labours in Poona, a deputation of the Special Committee of the Bombay International Exhibition had arranged to leave Bombay on Saturday last, in order to be present at a meeting which was to be held to-day in Ahmedabad. The gentlemen who had arranged to leave were Dr. Thomas Blaney, Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, and Mr. John Gordon, members of the Special Committee, and Mr. Hurkissondas Narotumdas, a member of the Municipal Corporation; and their object in undertaking the journey was of course to stimulate subscriptions to the guarantee fund. Owing, however, to the indisposition of Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, it was deemed advisable to put off the proposed journey until Saturday next. The meeting which was to be held at Ahmedabad to-day has also been postponed in consequence until next Monday.

THE guarantee fund of the Bombay International Exhibition now amounts to Rs. 11,97,000.

OUR correspondent at Egutpoora writes that the total rainfall up to Saturday evening was 45½ inches.

DR. COWIE is to act as Surgeon-General of Bengal during Dr. Payne's absence.

THE Maharajah Scindia is paying a short visit to Allahabad, in order to bathe at the junction of the waters.

COLONEL MCMAHON, Commissioner of Umritsur will act as Financial Commissioner for Colone Davies, in accordance with the arrangement sug gested by the Punjab Government.

COLONEL SIR OLIVER ST. JOHN made over charge of the Hyderabad Residency to Mr. Cordery on Wednesday afternoon, and was to leave on Friday for Simla, where he is timed to arrive on the 23rd, thence proceeding to his substantive appointment at Srinuggur.

IT is uncertain, according to a Secunderabad correspondent, when or whether Colonel Hastings Fraser, who arrived in Bombay by the last mail, will resume his duties as Military Secretary to the Hyderabad Government. Colonel Ludlow, C.I.E., was expected by the same mail to take up his new appointment as Judge to the Nizam's Government at Chudderghaut, but it is understood his leave has been extended for a week, so he may be expected to arrive this morning.

THE houses of the Judge of Patna, Mr. Beighton, and the Inspector of Reserve Police, Mr. Luker, have been entered by thieves. The Patna *budmashes* have been very busy of late, and these cases do not show a disposition to relax their efforts. Contempt for constituted authority could not well be displayed in a more pronounced form.

IT is even admitted by a Calcutta paper that we manage some things better in Bombay. The *Indian Daily News* asks:—"Cannot some enterprising hackney-carriage proprietor be induced to attempt an experiment in the direction of substituting some decent style of conveyance for the unsightly, uncomfortable, and altogether abominable ticca gharries which are at present the only form of hack conveyance obtainable in Calcutta? In Bombay, a few years since, the Municipal Commissioner—an executive officer whose position answers to that of the Chairman of Commissioners in Calcutta—took the subject of improving the hack conveyances of the town in hand, and the agitation of the question finally resulted in considerable gain to the citizens by the introduction of hack victorias, which are very much more popular than the shigram—the Bombay name for a ticca—or the hack buggies. They have hansom cabs also in Bombay, which do a thriving trade."

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to a Kurrachee paper, speaks with enthusiasm of the manner in which the affairs of Beluchistan are being managed by Sir Robert Sandeman. "The tribes," he says, "submit to his orders without the least hesitation. They attend to his summons without fail, and always carry out his wishes. The name of *Simman Sahib*, as he is called, is on every Pathan and Beluchi's lip. It is a household word among them. Fewer murders are now committed, as the corpses of the executed offenders are burnt, a mode of disposal of the body which is repugnant to the feelings of the Pathans and which they dread to be exposed to."

SIR HERBERT MACPHERSON, Commanding the Allahabad Division, is said to have been so satisfied with his experimental silos that, it is said, he is about to make at least fifty this season at an average cost of Rs. 3 or Rs. 4. In other districts, too, large quantities of grass are to be siloed, and next spring we shall doubtless hear fewer complaints from the military authorities regarding scarcity of forage. The Agricultural Departments in the various provinces are also interesting themselves in ensilage, and once the conservative prejudices of native cultivators are overcome, the practice of storing green forage will probably become universal in India. Its simplicity is its great merit: the rot can really make a silo in his field with the tools which he uses for his everyday work.

A GOOD deal of capital, says the Allahabad paper, has in past years been made out of what is called our expensive annexation of territory west of the Indus, more particularly in the direction of Quetta; but those who have raised the outcry have really no idea of the real facts of the case. "Here are some figures which may surprise those rash agitators who demanded the evacuation of Quetta and the withdrawal to our old post at Jacobabad. Sibi, which yielded Rs. 10,000 revenue yearly to the Amir, now gives us Rs. 1,25,000, and the annual revenue of the Queetta District has grown under our care from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 1,50,000. Trade also has increased enormously, and the extension of the railway to the Pishin plateau will probably result in the returns being trebled in five or six years."

IN the designing of the new Municipal Offices for Simla it appears that no style of architecture has been followed. The building has been designed to suit the requirements and the circumstances of the locality; and the materials employed are those either available on the spot, or those which could be most easily procured from a distance. The designer happily made the most and best possible use of existing ways and means, in the most practicable and possible amalgamation of iron and concrete; the walling is all concrete, the framework of cast and wrought iron. In fact, from foundation to chimney-stacks, staircases, and even chimney-tops, there is no other material used but concrete where iron was not necessary. Excepting in verandah floors and ceilings of upper rooms, which are of local deodar, the joinery is of teak.

PEOPLE are in the habit of complaining of the "abominable climate" of India. But what would they think of the meteorological conditions in America? Here is an extract from a private letter, dated Boston, June 6, 1884:—"No spring here; miserably cold, save on one day, May 24; then diabolically hot—in the nineties, next day in the thirties. This is a great country! Last three or four days hot a furnace—mosquitoes out in full force."

THE unfortunate Maori monarch is, in a sense, in the custody of two policemen, whose duty it is to protect him from the "resources of civilisation," as they are represented in the unmannerly inquisitiveness of a London crowd. Thus do the tastes of loyalty differ! The burly King of the Zulus had equally found in the inside of a cab that sense of security which he would probably have missed even had he been "personally conducted" by a couple of policemen.

"TWO hundred ladies and gentlemen" who attended at Trinity College, Dublin, by special invitation, to meet the Lord-Lieutenant, did not cheer as such assemblages usually do on such occasions. Their silence is not to be attributed so much to political causes, as to the fact that the Lord-Lieutenant was not there, for the "special invitation" was a hoax.

WHAT will be the most powerful steam crane—in Europe at least—is to be erected shortly at Hamburg. There is a 100-ton crane at Woolwich; but the largest crane at present is that at Antwerp, capable of lifting 120 tons. As, however, Krupp is building up gun-barrels weighing 124 tons, the Antwerp Hercules would be powerless to move them. There is at present a steam crane at Hamburg in operation which lifts 40 tons only; the next in size on the Continent is that at Bremerhaven, of a lifting power of 60 tons; and the next largest is located at Amsterdam, lifting 80 tons. The new Hamburg steam crane will beat them all; it is being constructed to lift a weight of 150 tons.

THE sugar trade question is occupying as much attention in Paris as in London, only under a different form. While meetings of London working men are protesting against the French sugar bounties that ruin the English refiners, mass meetings of French politicians are suggesting, in addition to the sugar bounties, an extra tax on English sugar and an import duty on beet root, each being equivalent to a further premium of 20,000,000 francs for the French manufacturers. "One thing is very obvious, says a home paper, "however dead the English sugar trade may be, the French are determined to kill it again regardless of expense."

CERTAIN lady taxpayers, disgusted with the continued exclusion of the sex from the polling booth have declared their intention to decline the pay ment of the Queen's taxes. The *Law Journal* however, points out that the policy threatened will be attended with some difficulty and inconveniencet "The maxim of law," says our contemporary, "tha an Englishman's house is his castle may be admitted to extend to an Englishwoman, so that if she keep her door shut against the sheriff's office, armed with the ordinary writ of *fi. fa.*, the blockade cannot be raised by breaking the door open. Crown debts are, however, not recovered by a *fi. fa.*, but by the much more effective weapon of a 'writ of extent,' under which the 'body, land, and goods' of the fair recalcitrants would be seized. The seizure of their bodies would delight these candidates for martyrdom, but the necessities of the revenue would be fully answered by taking their property. If they shut their doors against the sheriff, he will be bound, after politely asking them to surrender, to break the doors open by force. This law is at least as old as the reign of James I."

THE reception of the lady who applied at the Wandsworth Police Court for magisterial aid against blackbeetles was not encouraging. The magistrate declined to order out a *posse* of policemen to the attack of the insect army which had overrun the kitchen and was taking up its quarters in the beds. As to paying the rent, the law, said the magistrate, was doubtful, and if the lady resisted payment she might have to carry her case to the "House of Lords. "We fear," says the *Law Journal*, that even the hope of the House of Lords assisting the householder whose tactics against blackbeetles consist solely in flight is delusive. The only doubt there ever was about the law was whether, even in the case of a furnished house, the tenant could refuse to pay his rent if the house was infested with household pests. It is now settled that he can, but there never was any question that the law of landlord and tenant—which is so strong in the interests of the landlord, that if the house tumbles down from old age the tenant must still pay the rent—would repudiate the notion that rent was not to be paid because there were a few insects in the house. Blackbeetles, therefore, must be boldly faced in spite of the fact that for some mysterious reason they often inspire the terror of the bogie in feminine eyes, and there is no safety in running away except on the terms of paying two rents."

A PARAGRAPH has gone the round of the English press to the effect that notices had been "posted outside the various metropolitan hospitals warning the public against the excessive use of mackerel and mild ale at this season of the year, as the larger fish are liable to contain a small worm which would be injurious and likely to create cholera and other diseases." To ascertain how such a story originated would be a difficult, and possibly a not very profitable or savoury, task. On inquiry at all the large metropolitan hospitals the *British Medical Journal* has learnt that no notice which could in the remotest degree afford foundation for such a report has been posted outside any hospital. A correspondent, whose experience of the London hospitals is very great, writes to that paper as follows:—"The mackerel scare is a mare's nest . . . There has never been a notice at any of the metropolitan hospitals about it. The whole thing is a practical joke on the gullible public." Curiously enough, a similar scare was got up in the Madras Presidency last summer, and the Sanitary Commissioner drew up a report dealing with the subject very fully and systematically; suffice it to say that there is not a tittle of proof that disease has ever been caused by the worms which have their habitat in fish, and it is safe to say that every fish that ever was eaten contained numbers of worms and their ova.

MILITARY NEWS.

CAPTAIN G. W. POWELL, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, has passed his final examination for the Army Pay Department at Madras.

CAPTAIN LOFTUS THACKWELL, of the Royal Fusiliers, a probationer for the army Pay Department, having passed his final examination, will most probably be posted to the 14th Hussars, at Secunderabad.

A REGIMENT, warrant, or non-commissioned officer joining a department in which the sergeants are eligible for promotion to the warrant grade must, if of higher rank than colour-sergeant, sign a certificate to the effect that he voluntarily reverts to that rank. Colour-sergeants appointed orderly room or paymaster sergeants to convalescent or other depôts will not be required to revert to sergeant.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. A. LAUGHTON, Bombay Staff Corps, succeeded to the Colonel's allowance from the 3rd instant. Colonel Laughton served in the Persian expedition of 1856-57, assault and capture of the fort of Bushire, surrender of Bushire, expedition to Borazjoon and attack of Khooshub, Indian Mutiny, 1857-58, as staff officer to the force on the Goa frontier and North Canara. Medal and clasp for Persia, and medal for the Mutiny.

SOME modifications will take place in the scheme of reliefs for British Infantry regiments during the coming season. The Durham Light Infantry, originally destined for Aden, will stand fast at Allahabad, the 1st South Lancashire (old 40th), from Peshawur, going in their stead to the coveted station at the mouth of the Red Sea. The Connaught Rangers, now at Ranikhet and Shahjehanpore, who were unders orders for Allahabad, will of course be affected by this change, but their destination is at present uncertain.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN AND QUARTER-MASTER KNOTT.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Hon. Captain and Quartermaster C. J. Knott of the 15th East Yorkshire Regiment, in the forty-ninth year of his age, which took place at Colaba on Saturday morning after an illness of several weeks. The deceased officer enlisted in the Rifle Brigade in 1855. After ten years' service in the ranks he obtained his ensignсy, and subsequently became Quartermaster of his Battalion. He afterwards exchanged to the 15th Eass Yorkshire Regiment. He served with the Rifle Brigade in the Indian Mutiny, including the action at Cawnpore, siege and capture of Lucknow, and several other minor engagements. He also served with the Rifle Brigade in the campaign on the North-West Frontier, and with the 15th (East York) Regiment in Southern Afghanistan in 1880. Captain Knotte possessed the Indian Mutiny medal with clasp for Lucknow, medal and clasp for North-West Frontier, and Afghanistan medal of 1879-80. The late Captain Knott was a native of Dorchester and had completed over 29 years' service. He was a type of the good soldier who entered the Army to make it his home.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER REPORT.

SIMLA, July 19.—The barometric changes are irregular, and the pressure has decreased slowly over Burmah, Eastern Bengal, and some stations in the Punjab, but risen elsewhere, briskly over Northern and Central India. The readings are relatively high on the south-west coast and in the north of the Punjab, with a band of relatively low readings stretching westward from Chutia Nagpur to Sind. Somewhat heavy rain has fallen in the Indus Valley, but otherwise the rainfall distributions are unchanged, light or moderate amounts having fallen, except over the Carnatic and parts of the Deccan, North-West Provinces, Rajputana, and the plains of the Punjab. The weather is cloudy, and the thermometric changes are irregular. Rain to-day:—Jubbulpore and Bombay, 3 inches; Dera Ismail Khan, Murree, Chittagong, Deesa, Dhulia, Rutnagherry, and Akyab, 1 inch. Previously:—Umballa 2 inches, and Jullunder 1 inch.

July 20.—A slight barometric rise reported to-day from Lahore, Sirsa, Bombay, and South Arracan; but elsewhere the pressure has apparently decreased. The amount of decrease varies considerably, rising from about one tenth in the Central Provinces to one-eighth at Vizagapatam. The readings are high in Travancore, low at Peshawur, and relatively low over Chutia Nagpur, Behar, etc. The wind is generally westerly over the peninsula and easterly over Bengal and up the Gangetic plain; but at Allahabad and Sutna it is north-easterly, and at Nagpur and Jubbulpore north-westerly. The weather is cloudy very generally. The rainfall distribution, so far as to-day's reports show, is similar to yesterday's, but the amounts are apparently lighter. The temperature changes are irregular. Rain to-day:—Saugor Island, Gopalpore, and Akyab, over 1 inch; Cuttack, over ½ inch. Previously Naini Tal had 5 inches; Roorkee, 2 inches; Mussooree, Satara, Ahmedabad and Moulmein, over ½ inch.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

	Colaba.		Fort.		Esplanade.		Byculla
	In.	cts.	In.	cts.	In.	cts.	In. cts.
Previously regtd..	28	30	33	88	33	33	32 55
July 18, Friday	1	56	.....		.....		.....
19, Saturday.....	1	55	3	85	3	75	3 25
20, Sunday.....	.....		0	03	0	02	0 02
Total	31	41	37	76	36	10	35 82
Corresponding date last year	52	17	54	84	50	50	56 99

THE WEATHER ALONG THE COAST.

(20th July, 1884.)

THE following information regarding the state of the weather at different ports round the coast and Kurrachee to Madras is compiled from the latest returns received by telegram at the Meteorological Office:—

Stations.	Barometer. At 10 a.m. reduced to 32° F. and Sea level.	Thermo. in Shade.	Wind. Direction.	Velocity at 10 a.m.	Rain fall.
	Ins.	Dgs.		Miles.	Ins.
Kurrachee ..	29.606	81·5	WSW	25	0.34
Surat.....	·731	84·1	WSW	34	0·03
Bombay	·814	84·1	WSW	20	0·03
Rutnagherry	·852	83·8	SW	14	0·19
Karwar	·859	83·6	W	Fresh	0·12
Mangalore ..	·932	83·4	W	6	0·00
Calicut	..	...	Not received	..	..
Cochin	·925	81·5	NNE	Light	0·15
Masulipatam	·733	85·8	NW	20	0·01
Madras	·801	88·8	W	20	0·00
Negapatam ..	·876	89·9	SSW	4	0·00

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The gentlemen have spoken in both the local prints anent the Victoria Gardens at Byculla, and the public have been favoured with editorials relating to the gardens. Perhaps a girl may be allowed a little tiny bit of space in your paper to express her thoughts upon the gardens as they are, and as they may be with timely aid from the public exchequer. There is very much to admire in the Victoria Gardens just as they are. At first blush the situation is not very nice. But after driving through the bazaar or across the horrid unsavoury Flats, the gardens seem all the nicer from the contrast to its surroundings. You object to the broad straight path up the centre of the gardens; but I am inclined to think that a winding path would not be the least improvement. There are lovely winding paths at present, and pretty bridges thrown over streamlets, or at least bits of water. And there is a pretty little pond filled with pond lilies. The gardens are very tempting now; but of course they could be enlarged, and very much improved. I have no idea who Mr. Nowrozjee Furdoonjee is, as I am a comparative stranger in town or at least have not been long out. But Mr. Nowrozjee Furdoonjee seems to take a jaundiced view of things; and it does seem from a European point of view that Mr. Furdoonjee was most decidedly rude in calling the superintendent of the gardens a stonemason. How can a man be a stonemason who is the superintendent of our public gardens? I have read, however, that Parsees often take the name of their first occupation in life, and somewhere, I think, I have read that the old Parsee Baronet was, in his first youth, a bottle-wallah, that is to say, he earned his first money buying and selling old bottles, and perhaps the money earned in that way was as sweet and precious to him as any of his later earnings on a very much larger scale. Be this as it may, I suppose Parsee customs are different from European customs, and perhaps the term gentleman as applied to the superintendent of our most beautiful gardens was not meant to be vindictive. But no one should ever be allowed to call people names. And oh! dear me. What an idea, Botanical Gardens! Stuff and nonsense. A lot of native students prying about. Why, it would spoil the gardens. Pray, Mr. Editor, put your editorial foot down on such an idea. As for those poor animals, it is too dreadful to think how those are treated or neglected, poor things! They look so unhappy! It really makes my heart ache to see them. And, oh! such a horrid odour! Yet I do like zoological gardens, or lots of animals to see and pet, if they will only let me pet them. Now, Mr. Editor, don't drop the subject. Keep it warm. We must have the gardens improved. Only think how few places there are for the people to enjoy really. And the gardens are a never-failing source of enjoyment to men, women, and children, native and European. Have I said too much? Taken up too much of your valuable space? If so pray forgive me. ALICE.

DEPREDATIONS FROM THE MAILS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of this July you insert, prefaced by a few words from yourself, an excerpt from the *Daily Telegraph* on the question of depredation to which home journals are subject while in transit to distant parts of the world. Apropos of this, a case came to my knowledge a few days ago which, if not of much interest to your readers, should be of some to the Postal authorities. A native friend of mine, who has been for long time a regular subscriber to the *Illustrated London News*, received by the mail of 11th June, which arrived in Bombay by the s.s. Malwa on 20th June, a paper which he thought to be his *Illustrated*. But on tearing off the wrapper, which was the usual printed one, as despatched by his agent in London, he found to his surprise and chagrin a copy of the weekly edition of the *Times of India*, published on Saturday, 7th June. In some instances, exchange is no robbery we are told. This is not one of those instances. But where could the exchange have taken place? The *Times of India* could not have left Bombay until Tuesday, 10th June, and it was back again in that city on 20th, a matter of 20 days only. The exchange then must have taken place either while the Malwa was at Aden on 24th June, or during her run into Bombay. In my opinion the exchange could not have been made after the mails were landed; and there is no doubt whatever that the copy of the *Times of India* did not go beyond Aden; had it done so it could not have reached Suez in time to return in the Malwa. The paper was uncut.

Immediately on hearing from my friend of the fraud that had been practised on him I asked him to send me the wapper (which, unfortunately, he had as usual thrown to the floor to be swept away by the servants), intending to send the matter to the Post Office for inquiry. Without it I could do nothing. But I can vouch for the

July 17. FACT.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT KOLHAPORE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPORE, JULY 18.

WE are only just recovering from a severe epidemic of school prize-givings. That of the College and High School you have already heard about in full. Then came the turn of the girls', followed by the vernacular boys' schools. Both these meetings were held in the college hall, which is admirably adapted for such

congratulate itself on the result. By fostering education as it has done Kolhapore has set a most excellent example to the other States of the Southern Mahratta Country, indeed I may say of the Presidency itself; and the example to my certain knowledge, has borne good fruit. The attendance is not so regular as it might be. This is a fault that exists everywhere. The masters are in no way to blame. The fault is that of the children's parents, who, particularly among the Kulawadies, allow their children to absent themselves from school on the most frivolous pretexts. Now, it is to trap the crows or hinds off the fields; now to attend the marriage of the daughter of a brother's wife's cousin. Of course no heroic measures can be advised for the cure of this evil. It is an evil which will probably disappear in the course of a few years, as soon as the people themselves begin to realize the blessings of education, and to feel that they are grievously wronging their little ones in allowing them to escape from school on every trivial pretext. Mr. Pandit has not stated the numbers of each caste attending school, but I fancy that here, as everywhere else in this country at any rate in the Southern Mahratta Country, the proportion of Brahins is much greater than that of any other Hindu caste. It is a disgrace to the Marathas that they do not more largely avail themselves of the education so liberally provided for them—brought home to their very doors, so to speak—by the State; and I wish more of that community were now present in this hall to hear my remarks. I say they are wronging themselves terribly by neglecting to educate their children. This is another evil for which no heroic remedy short of compulsory education is possible, but which may, and I hope will, disappear in course of time. The proportion of pupils who have passed the prescribed examinations this year is about half, and is I fancy satisfactory. It is also satisfactory to notice that the numbers of trained teachers is increasing. It would be superfluous on my part to remark on the advantages of having properly trained men. Mr. Pandit seems to regret that the indigenous school-masters do not teach their schools according to some defined course of teaching; but I think all who are really interested in the spread of education cannot but feel pleased that there are so many indigenous schools in Kolhapore receiving no State support. At the same time, it is pleasing to observe that the Kolhapore State has during the past two years given grants-in-aid to indigenous schools—a most excellent and economical mode of promoting vernacular education in small villages. The progress that vernacular education has made of late years is most remarkable as I have already observed, and its present condition is decidedly satisfactory; and I cannot but here admit that this must in a great measure be due to the exertions of the Educational Inspector, Mr. Pandit, and I am sure that when he has retired to the repose which he has so well earned and to which I doubt not he, like myself and other old servants of Government, is looking forward, he will reflect with pleasure and pardonable pride on the good work he has accomplished.

HOW ENGLISH PLAYS ARE MADE.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* continues the series of short papers on the art of play-writing by the following letters from Mr. Henry Fettitt and Mr. Hamilton Aide:—

MR. HENRY PETTITT.

Had I been in England when your note came, I should probably have attempted a more elaborate analysis of "How English Plays are made;" but as I now find that half-a-dozen such able craftsmen as W. S. Gilbert, George Sims, A. W. Pinero, Palgrave Simpson, H. A. Jones, and James Albery have already expressed their views, and with what appears to me singular unanimity, I can only say that when I write a play single-handed, so far as I can judge, I do, or try to do, as the other fellows do. When I write with a collaborator I endeavour to work on his system, whatever it may be. If I don't like it, I revert to my own. I have had numerous collaborators (more, I believe, than most of our younger contemporary playwrights), but I have generally found that, although they may vary in minor details, their systems are in the main the same. Mr. Charles Reade's plan was the same as Mr. Paul Meritt's. Mr. George R. Sims's method resembled both, and there was no difference in any of them to mine, which briefly is—First, build up the main outline of the story; secondly, construct the play from the rise of the curtain to the fall; thirdly, thoroughly think out the characterization; fourthly, roughly write the dialogue; fifthly, reconstruct, rewrite from beginning to end; and sixthly, listen to every suggestion made by manager or actor during the rehearsals, and accept every idea that is sensible, useful, and practicable.

Unfortunately, however, for the independence of the dramatist who is determined to have his plays produced, there are so many attendant circumstances to interfere with his liberty of action and freedom of thought. At present no less than eleven of our principal London theatres are managed by actors, and although I do not know that it is really so, yet it would certainly appear that the first three rules of "Playmaking" for many London theatres are—First, conceive a character to suit the personal characteristics of a popular actor-manager; secondly, wind a story round him, of which he shall be the pivot and the principal; and thirdly, rewrite, reconstruct, and complete your play as your actor-manager may direct.

Another important factor in the art of playmaking, however, it is impossible to overlook, and that is the ever haunting thought that is ever with the sensitive and nervous dramatist in his hours of work "How will they receive it on the first night?" Originality of conception and boldness of execution are but too often paralyzed by the warning voice that cries:—

Don't write poetic lines; they will be called "high falutin."

Don't write simple dialogue only to express the meaning and freeling of the person speaking, and illustrate, the situation; it will "be bald and without literary merit."

Don't let your characters say smart things to each other; it will be "flippant rudeness."

Don't let them talk too naturally, or the dialogue will be "commonplace."

Don't have too many strong situations; you will be "transpontine."

Don't have too few, your play will be "without interest."

Don't make your audience weep; "people come to a theatre to enjoy themselves."

Don't make your audience laugh; "the mission of the stage is to instruct and elevate."

Don't write plays at all unless you are prepared to sacrifice your peace of mind for ever.

MR. HAMILTON AIDE.

You ask me "how I make a play"? It is easier to account for more good plays not being "made" than to describe the process. An idea—sometimes it may be only one situation—strikes me as dramatic. My mind works, before my hand, at the development of a plot which shall lead up to this climax; and in the preparation of the characters and scenes for the end I have in view lies the difficulty, supposing my fable to be strong and to be capable of arousing human sympathy. Without this foundation all labour, all verbal cleverness, is lost. I believe the French practice of collaboration in theatrical literature to be wise; notably where one of the workers has a practical knowledge of the stage, and the instinct of dramatic effect which personal experience develops in an intelligent actor. That the late Lord Lytton's plays owed their success very greatly to Mactready's keen perception of what needed excision or alteration, is well known. It is equally well known in theatrical circles that the failure of certain clever plays of late years was owing to the author's rejection of any suggestions on the part of the "management." Of a dramatic author's difficulties in the present day I will only name one. The habit of playing a particular order of part over and over again cramps the capacity of many an excellent actor; and the writer, casting about in his mind for what theatre the play he projects is best suited, finds that he must "fit" the characters to that particular company—or to at least two of its leading members—or the chances of its acceptance are small indeed. To some writers, myself among the number, this alteration of the tools to fit the hands of the workmen is impossible.

A DESPOTISM OF CIGARETTES.

FOR some days last week most parts of England experienced a remarkable atmospheric visitation. The temperature, save for the occasional blasts from the north and east, was that of midsummer, but the gloom belonged to November. A multitude of malignant influences were concentrated into an inert mass of cloud and vapour. A species of diffusive blight, unhealthy alike to the beasts of the field and the lords of creation, fraught with murrain to cattle and disease or depression to men, darkened the canopy of the heavens. The sun was extinguished at noonday, and that sense of weariness and langour which to certain constitutions is the prognostic of a thunderstorm was widely felt. To some minds the phenomenon may well have suggested an analogy in the social world. The atmosphere which society inhales is, and has for some time been, charged with an intolerable amount of tobacco smoke. Tobacco deserves in itself all the eulogies pronounced on it from the days of Burton to those of Byron—to whom, by the bye, smoking was a painfully acquired and never a thoroughly naturalised habit—and from the days of Byron to those of Charles Kingsley, who was the most indefatigable votary of the long clay that even the Church of England has ever produced. But the infliction from which we are now suffering is not generated by pipes or cigars. Its origin is of a more insinuating and apparently innocent kind. Society, if the truth is to be spoken is now living under a despotism of cigarettes. As for the pipe and the cigar, those who dislike the odours of either may escape from them. But there is no escape from, there is no avoiding of, the penetrative, pungent, malodorous fumes, emitted from those little arrangements in nicotine, that consist of white paper and chopped particles of a certain dry substance, which pretends to come from the empire of the Grand Turk, but which might, for its aroma, be the product of the cabbage gardens of the suburbs.

Cigarettes, like the world itself in Wordsworth's sonnets, are too much with us. They are universally excused and suffered on the same plea as that urged by the young mother of a contraband baby, that it was a very little one. Cigarettes are so attenuated in their dimensions, and have the credit of being so mild and light in the incense they spread, that they are permitted or encouraged where fuller and coarser methods of tobacco consumption would be tabooed. A cigar is an undertaking. A pipe, while eminently suitable for the study and the cloister, is not suitable for odd moments abroad. Fifty years ago, John Wilson Croker complained that the ambulatory cigar had superseded the sober sedentary clay. Had he lived now, he would have written cigarette. The air is full of a sort of miasma of cigarettes, because they can be discussed so easily, and thrown away so lightly—because smoking of them may be a matter of five the minutes or of one. The cigarette is ubiqitous. It prematurally infests the dining-room; is is not excluded from the boudoir; it is sanctioned in the drawing-room—on the principle, perhaps, that those who have committed a few social peccadilloes are not excluded from the pale of society, because it is regarded as weak rather than wicked. There is not a theatre or place of amusement in London whose corridors or precincts are uncontaminated by the taint of the cigarette. As the popularity attained by cigars in England during the first three decades of this century may be traced to the revolutionary wars in which our troops were engaged, so the first impetus given to cigarette-smoking was the result of the larger acquaintance we made with Turkish ways and customs during the Crimean War of nearly thirty years ago. But it is less than fifteen years ago that Royal patronage gave the cigarette the vogue which now belongs to it. There are, of course, cigarettes and cigarettes. When the tobacco of which they consist is fresh and the best of its kind, and the paper in which it is enclosed is of delicate manufacture, there is nothing positively offensive in their smell. But the majority of cigarettes consumed in England, and consequently of the cigarette smoke as it assails a majority of our nostrils, is insufferable. The tobacco is stale and of an inferior quality, the paper is coarse, and its aroma is clearly perceptible; while the general impression produced upon our olfactory organs is that of a mephitic fume such as might ascend if crushed straw, sprinkled over with cayenne pepper, and interspersed with small fragments of brown paper, were ignited on a dish.

If these remarks seem to argue any lack of charity towards tobacco as an institution, any imperfect sympathy with the race of pipe, cigar, or, for that matter, cigarette-smokers themselves, let it be understood they are made as a protest against the danger which exists of tobacco itself being brought into discredit. No more rational or healthy indulgence has ever taken place in English society than the introduction of tobacco to the dining-room after the departure of the ladies. It has caused a sensible and most salutary diminution in the amount of wine consumed after dinner, and for economic reasons is no doubt highly to be recommended. It is, however, of the first importance that the match should be set to the cigarette or cigar at what Prince Bismarck if fond of calling the psychological moment. Tobacco in any shape is not an accompaniment of, but a substitute for, wine. The two things are mutually destructive. A cigar or cigarette is a downright insult to a glass of respectable claret, and any host with a proper respect for himself, his cellar, or his friends, should treat the suggestion offered by the simpering young gentlemen in whose toilet the silver or electro-plate cigarette-case is a stereotyped feature, that it is permissible to light up, as an audacious and reprehensible impertinence. By all means let the coffee make its appearance after the ladies have withdrawn, and let the smoking materials be produced. That is intelligible enough. What is not intelligible, and what is fatal to all enjoyment, is the feeble inconsistency with which some hosts attempt to combine tobacco and wine, or the culpable weakness they exhibit in not at once prohibiting the production of the fatal box by some intrusive youth at an inopportune moment. There is no reason why cigarettes should be ostracised from polite society, but if a reaction is not to be excited against them, their consumption ought to be regulated. As it is, we groan under a tyranny of cigarettes, and for the most part exceedingly bad cigarettes too. It was a Scotchman who said, "Whisky is a bad thing—especially bad whisky."—*The World.*

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